

# In This

boke is conteyned the offy-  
ces of Myrresses, Baillyffes  
of libertyes, Eschetours,  
Cōstables and Coroners  
and sheweth what eue-  
ry one of them maye

do by vertue of  
theyr offices

drawen out of boke of the  
comon lawe, and of  
the statutes.

M.D.XLiii.





## The offyce of Shyreffes.



That the offyce of a Shyref  
is, here after shall more  
playnly appeare but in a  
generaltpe his offyce is  
righteously and duely to  
returue all wyttes and pzeceptes to  
hym dyrected, and truelpe to execute  
the same accordyng as he shalbe cō-  
maunded in the same wyttes & pze-  
ceptes. And that he take nothyng  
of any persone for doynge his offyce  
but the due and accustomed fees to  
hym belongynge, And that he duely  
holde and kepe his countyes, courtes  
& tournes accordyng to þe due course  
of the lawe. Upon these thre poin-  
tes, Dependethe the hole charge and  
effecte of his offyce.

¶ The offyce of the Shyreffe is to re-  
tourne, good sufficyente, and reaso-  
nable yssues & vpon such persons as  
haue sufficient goodes or landes ac-  
cordyng to þe statute of Westminister. ii.

Capit-



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**Capitulo. xxxix. & Edwardi. iii. Capitulo quinto.**

**The Shyreffe ought to take the endytementes founde befoze hym in his Tourne by Indenture, & so shall Baylliffes of fraunchyses, one parte wherof shall remayne with the indytours, secundo Edwardi tercii. Capitulo. xvi.**

**The Shyreffe may arreste men rydyng or goynge armyd, and comytte them to pryson, there to remayne at the kynges pleasure. ii. Ed. iii. Capit. v. at Northampton.**

**Shyreffes & vnder shyreffes shall receyue wyttes in every place withi the countie without takynge ought, and shall make a byll whiche if they refuse other that be presente shal put to theyr seales. And yf they retourne not the same wyttes / they shalbe punysshed, and shal rrynde damages to the party. ii. E. iii. Ca. v. at Northap**

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**¶** Shyreffes and gallours shall receiue theues indited or takē with the maner without takynge any thyng for the recepte. *liii. Ed. iii. Ca. x.*

**20** Shyreffes shal leasse thevz hūdredes and wapentakes after the olde ferme & not aboue. *An. liti. Ed. iii.*

*Capit. ccv. & An. xliii. Ed. iii. Ca. viii.*

**¶** Shyreffes ought to arrest persōs suspect of felony goyng by nyght or by daye whiche be of euyl fame. *xi. Edwardi. lii. Capit. ciiii*

**¶** The Shyreffe in one countte shall haue no mo Bayliffes errāt but one *xlvi. Edwardi. terci. Capitulo. ix.*

**✱** Shyreffs ought to kepe thevz tournes every yere within a monethe after Easter, and withī a moneth after Myghelmas. *xxxi. Edwardi terci capitulo. ciiii.*

**20** Shyreffes that leute issues lynes and amerciamentes in the countye, ought to haue the extrates ensealed  
with



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with the seale of þe Eschequer, so that  
as moch as is payed may be botted.  
And if any Shyreff or minister do the  
contrary, he shall rendre to the party  
tribble damages, and shal make syne  
to the kyng, and the sute here of may  
be aswel afoze Justicers of the peace  
as befoze other Justycers. .xxiii. Ed.  
wardi tercii. Capitulo. ix

**¶** The Shyreffes shall arraye the  
panelles of Assyses foure dayes be-  
foze the sessions at the lest vpo paine  
of. .xx. l. And Bayllyffes of lberities  
shall make retourne to the Shyreffes  
syre dayes befoze the sessions, vpon  
the same payne. .xlii. Edwardi tercii.  
Capitulo. xi.

**¶** The Shyreff oughte to examyne  
loysterars & vagarantes, and compell  
them to synde suretye of theyre good  
behauour by sufficient maynprys of  
such as be distynable yf any default  
be founde in suche vagarantes. And  
yf they

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if they can not fynde such surety, the  
to commaunde them to the next gay-  
le there to remayne vntyll the cūing  
of the Justycers of gayle deliuerye,  
they to do with such vagarantes as  
they shall thynke best. vii. Richardi.  
ii. Capitulo. vii.

**T**he shyreffe shalbe bounden foure  
tymes in the yere to make proclama-  
cion of the estatute of Winchester in  
euery hundred of his Baylewyke.

**T**he Shireffe ought to take swer-  
des, daggares and hangaues from  
seruaūtes labourers, and seruaūtes  
of craftes men, and viltayllers that  
weare the, onles it be i time of warre  
or when they labour in the countrey  
with the y<sup>r</sup> maysters, or vpo they<sup>r</sup> bu-  
synes. And the shyreffe shall kepe the  
same weapons, whiche they shall pre-  
sent vnto the Justicers of the peace.  
at theyre sessyons with the names of  
them that bare the. ii. R. ii. Ca. vi.

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**S**hireffs ought to receyue labourers, seruautes, beggars, and vagaboundes and them deteine in pꝛeson without bayle oꝛ maynpris, and without fee oꝛ takyng any thyng at theyꝛ entre oꝛ goynge out of pꝛyson, vpon payne to forfayte. C.li. to the kynge xi. Richardi. ii. Capitulo. i.

**S**hyreffes and other ministers of the kyng so soone as they shal haue knowledge of assemblies and ryottes with outtagious nombꝛe of people, ought with the power of the shyre to go and make resystens agaynst such malyce with all theyꝛ strength & shal attache suche misdoers and kepe the in pꝛyson vntyl the due punishment of the lawe be executed vpon them.

And all maner of Lordes, and other the kynges true liegemen ought to be assystent with all theyꝛ power and strengthe to ayde the Shyreffes and other mynistꝛs therein. xvi. Ricardi

secundi

## of Shyreffes

secundi capitulo octauo.

**T**Shyreffes ought to be personally dwellynge in theyr Baylewikes for the tyme, and they shall not let them to farme. *Henrici. iii. Ca. v.*

**T**Shyreffes ought to se and putte that neyther theyre vnder shyreffes, Baylyffes, Clerkes, nor Receiuours shalbe attourneys in þe kynges courtes for the tyme of theyr offyce primo Henrici quinti. *Capitulo quarto.*

**T**Shyreffes ought to let to mayn- his psons indyted of herelsy, and lordys which are in theyr keepyng wthin dayes vnder good suretye, so that they appere before the ende of þe sayd dayes. *Hen. v. Capi. vii.*

**T**Shyreffes shall cause the statute of purueiours to be proclaimed four tymes in the yere / vpon payne. *C. li.* and euery tyme that he faileth so to do and vpon lyke payne shall deliuer the same to his successoure to be proclaimed



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claymed primo Henrici sexti. Capitulum  
lo secundo.

\* Shyreffes must make due electiō  
of knyghtes of the parliament. i. p.  
vi. Capitulo. iiii.

¶ Shyreffes must retorne suche p-  
sons knyghts of the perltamēt which  
be chosen by the greater nombꝛe of f-  
reholders dwellinge in the countye  
which may expēde. x. s. yerely aboute  
al charges. And that those knyghtes  
be dwellinge within the same countie  
And that he examine every freholder  
at suche electyons vpon a boke, how  
much he may expēde And if any shy-  
reff retorne other knyghtes he shall  
forfayte. C. l. to the kynge, and shall  
haue one yeres imprisonment wout  
baile or mainprie.

¶ Shyreffs vpo a pcept made by  
the by Justycers of p peace to equite  
of forfible ette, shall retorne vpo  
ry of p iurres, x. s. i fines at p fine

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day. And Justycers of the peace shal  
be here & determyne suche defaultes of  
shyreffes by bpl at the sute of the pte  
or by indytmēt And they shal lese. xx  
l. for euerp default. And he þ wyl sue  
shal haue the one halfe. 8. H. 6. Cap. 9  
To auoyde Robbozies & spoyles  
upon the ryuer of Seuerne, & by the  
outcastes of forrestes of Dean, & the hū-  
tededes of Blodellom, and Westbury  
in the countye of Glocestre, the Shy-  
reffes of Glocestre, or the Bayliffes  
of the towne of Glocestre after noty-  
fycacion made to any of them of such  
harmes, and damages, by the partes  
aggrieved, within foure dayes after su-  
ch the notyfycacyon mayde shal make  
proclamacyon at the towne of Gloce-  
stre, that suche offendoures within  
x. dayes after suche proclamacyon,  
shal restore vnto the partyes enda-  
maged theyr goodes so taken, or the  
value, with a reasonable amendes.  
The



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The sayd Shyreffes Bayliffes to for  
tapt. xx. li. yf they falle fo to do. ix. H.  
vi. Capitulo. ccviii.

The Shyreffe of Hereford neyther i  
his turne nor i any other place after  
the turne endyd shal take any equyte  
or inquest of offyce, which ought not  
to be taken there. Neyther shal he  
take any fyne or mercymment for thi-  
nges not aperteynyng to his offyce.  
or Tourne, vpon payne to forfayte  
x. li. x. Henrici. vi. Capi. vii.

The Shyreffes ought to retourne i a  
taunte siple of lande / me of the yerely  
value of. xl. s. in an accyon for dedes  
concernyng landes of suche valure  
and in accions of the sūme of. xl. li.  
And moze, those persons dwellynge  
withyn theyr baillewie whiche may  
expende. xx. li. yerely aboue al charge  
for terme of life at the least, out of any  
cyet demesne Gauekide, & the. b. p.  
tes. And at p first distresse. xl. s. & at

second



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seconde. c. s. & the double value of e-  
very other distress agaynst the Fur-  
tours, vpon paine of. x. l. to the king  
and asmoche to the party. And if ther  
be not at sufficient persons dwelling  
within the countie whiche maye expē  
de. xx. l. perely, the shall they impanel  
other persons of the moost sufficēte  
possession of perely value of landes  
and tenementes within the value of  
cc. l. vpon payne to forfayte. x. l. to t  
teynge, and to t party asmuche in the  
burme afoze sayde. xv. s. vi. Cap. v.  
The Shyreffe or vndershyreffe of  
every shyre must arrest such persons of  
the shales or the marches thereof, which  
were outelawed of treason, or felonye/  
home the sayde Shyreffe knowe b  
ge seythe to be in any place withi the  
sayde countie, and to brynge them to  
the Gaile. And yf anye suche person,  
adynge indit. do disobeye or fflye a-  
pnyce, the sayde Shyreffe shall leue  
hue

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hille and crye and pursue hym upon  
payne to make fine and ransome to  
the kynge. xxiii. Denct. vi. Capit. v.

**The Shyreff** shall not occupie  
his office aboute one yere and if he  
do, then to forfayte. xx. l. and euery  
don for suche offences shalbe boynd  
any woꝝd put in suche letters, pate  
tes not wistadynge. Also he that pꝛe  
meth to occupie þe same offyce abou  
one yere by force of suche letters p  
tētes shalbe disable to be shyreff i a  
other thre afterwar. xxiii. D. vi. ca.

**No Shyreff** shal let to ferme hys co  
tie, nor any of his bayliwikes hū  
des, oꝝ wapentakes.

**No Shyreff**, bailif of fraunchyse, ne  
ther offycer shal retourne in any  
nel any of his Bailliffes, offycers  
theyꝝ seruauntes.

**No Shyreff** nor anye other to  
ble shal take ought of any person  
be arrested, oꝝ attached, nor to



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statute of any arrest or attachement to be made by the body. Nor shall take ought of any person arrested, or attached for fine, fee, sute of prisō main pris, lettynge to bayle, or for the big any favoure or ease to any person beyng so arrested, excepte it be as here foloweth, that is to wyt to þ Shyreffe xx. d. to the bayliffe that made the arreste. iiii. d. and to the gaoloure if the prisoner be comytted to warde. iiii. d.

The Shyreffe him self nor any to his vse shall not take any thyng for the makynge of any retourne or panell, but for the coppe of the panell. iiii. d. Howbeit they vse to take. ii. s. for the retourne of a panell, but þ se-meth to be extorcyon.

Shyreffes ought to let out of prisone all personnes beyng in theyre warde, by force of any wytte byll or warrant in any accyon personall, or indytemente of trespasse vppon a reasonable

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reason able suerty beyng sufficient  
in the countie to kepe there dayes in  
the places as the sayd billes wyttes  
or warrantes requyre, excepte suche  
as be condemned, outlawed, excom-  
municate, or for suerty of the peace  
or by the comaundement of any Ju-  
sticer/ and vagaboundes whiche re-  
fuse to serue.

**A**lso Shyreffes ought not to take  
any obligaciōs for any thing aboue  
menconed, or by coloure of theyr of-  
fice but onely to them selues, nor of  
any persone beyng in theyr ward  
but by þe name of theyre offyce, as by  
the name of Shyreffe in the oblyga-  
cyon vpon cōdicion that the parties  
shall appere at the dayes conteyned  
in the wyttes, in suche places as the  
billes, wyttes, or warrantes requyre  
And if any obligacion be take of any  
person by colour of theyr office i any  
other fourme, it shalbe voyde.

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**T** Shyreffes shall not take for any obligation warrāt or pzecept by the to be made, any more then. iiii. d.

**S**hyreffes must make theyr deputies yerely in the kynges court, that is to wytte in the Chauncery, the bēch & the eschequet of recozd before they retourne any wytte.

**\*** Shyreffs that do contrary to this ordynauce in any poynte shal lese to the party greued tryble damages and shal forsaite. xl. l. for every tyme that they shall so offende, the one halfe to the kyng the other to hym that wyl sue. c. xiii. Henric. vii. Capitulo. c.

**\*** Shyreffes whē wyttis be dyrected vnto theym to leupe the expenses of knyghtes of the parlyament, muste make proclamation at the next coun- tye after the delpyeraunce of the sa- me wyttes, that the Coroners / Constables, and baylliffes of hun- dredes shall be there to Assesse theyr

B.

wages

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wages vpon payne of.xl.s . What  
tyme they shall assesse every hundred  
at a certayne sūme by it selfe, and af-  
ter they shall Assesse euery byllage  
within the same hūdzd at a certayn  
sūme by it selfe. And yf they be other  
wysse assessed, for euery defaulte they  
shall forfayt.xx.l. The one half wher  
of shalbe to the partye that wyl sue,  
And the shyreffe shall leuie the same  
duely, & shal paye it to the knyghtes  
of the parlamente vpon payne of.xx.  
li. And the partye that wyl sue shall  
haue his accyon by scire facias, and  
shall haue.x li.aboue the.xx.li. with  
treble damages.xxiii Henri. sexti Ca  
pitulo vicesimo secundo.

2<sup>a</sup> The shyreffe after the deliuerie  
of any wryt to make electyon for the  
knyghtes of the parlyamente, must  
make a suffycient precepte vnder his  
seale to euery Mayre and bayllyffe  
of Cyties, and Boroughes, within  
the



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the countye, them commaundynge to electe Cytezens, & burgeses to come vnto the Parlament. And the sayde mayre and Bayliffes shall truely retourne the same pzecept to the Shyreff by indenture bytwene them for the electyon and names of them that are so cholen. And the Shyreff is bounden to make a good and true retourne of every suche wyrt, & of every retourne made to hym by the mayre and bayliffes. And for every tyme that the Shyreff shall do contrarpe to this or any other estatute made for the electio of Shyreffes to cum vnto the plement he shall incurte the payn of one C.li. to the kynge, and a yeres imprisonment without bayle. And moze ouer shall paye vnto the person so beynge cholen knyghte, Cytezens, or Burges and not duely retourne, or to any other personne whiche in defaulte of suche knyghte / Burgesse,

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oz citeyn wyl sue therfoze, one hundred pounde to be recovered by action of dette.

2<sup>d</sup> And the Shyreffe oughte to make such eleccions in the full countie by thiene the houtes of. viii. and. ix. before noone, and to make a good and true returne of suche eleccions vpon payne to forsay e. C. li. to the kynge, and as muche to the partye that wyl sue therfoze agaynste the Shyreffes, theyr executors, oz administrators. xxiii Henrici. vii. Capitulo. xv.

Shyreffes in theyr tournes ought to inquire here and determine yf any knight of the warden of the courte in the marches of Scotlande, oz yf any other arreste any person by his body, oz attache hym by his goodes out of the countyes of Northumberlāde, & Cumberlāde, & Westmerlāde & þe towne of Newcastle to answer in any of the sayde courtes, oz els by colour



## of Whyrers

loue or cause of anye processe in the  
sayde courtes, for in suche attestes it  
shalbe laulful for euery man to make  
resystēce. And the party greued shall  
haue an accyon of false imprysōmēt  
or trespas and shall recouer treble da  
mages therfoze, and the defendante  
shall haue two yerres imprysonnement  
And the whyrer shall haue power to p  
cede therupon, aswell as vpon a pre  
sentmēt made in his turne. cxxi. Hen  
rici sexti. Capitulo secundo.

2a Where as some mē by dissimula  
cyon and other meanes sayne theym  
selues to be louers to women vnma  
ryed as Madens, or Wydowes ha  
uynge great possessyon and substāce  
of goods, & get such womē i to theyr  
possessyō, & conuey the in to such pla  
ces, from whence they wyl not suffice  
them to go at theyr lybertye, ercepte  
they wyl make to them obligacions  
of greate summes to be payde vnto  
them

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them oꝛ cause them to be bounden in  
estatute Marchaunte, oꝛ sometyme  
wyl compell theym to be marped at  
theyꝝ pleasure, whiche yf they refuse  
to leuie vpon them the summes con-  
teyned in the same obligacyons and  
statut: it is ordeined that the partye  
grieved shall haue a wytte out of the  
Chauncery comprysyng the hole mat-  
ter of theyꝝ vnrasonable intreating  
directed to the Shyꝛeffe comaundyng  
hym to make proclamacion at þe next  
Countie after the receyte of the wytt  
that the offendoure shall appere at a  
certayne daye and place pꝛescried in  
the wytte befoze the Chauncelloure  
oꝛ the Iustices of Assise of the Shire  
where suche offences shall hap to be  
done oꝛ befoze some other person as-  
signyd by the Chauncelloure. And  
the Shyꝛeffe to whome suche a wytte  
shall be dyꝛected / and shall execute  
the same accordyng to the tenoure  
therof



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therof vppon payne of. CCC.li. the  
one halfe to þ kyng, the other to him  
that wyl sue therfoze by wytt of det  
wherin no wager of lawe, protection  
noz foreyne plee (to cause the matter  
to be tryed in another countie then  
where the wytte is brought) shalbe  
allowed. xxi. Henrici. vi. Capitu. vi.  
¶ Upon euery indytemment oz pꝛesēt  
ment taken befoze Shyreffes oz theyꝝ  
ministers in theyꝝ tournets oz lawe-  
dayes, they shal deliuer the same in  
ditementes and pꝛesētmentes to the  
Justicers of the peace at theyꝝ nexte  
Sesspons vpon payne of. xl.li. And  
þ Justicers of the peace shal alward  
proceſſe vppon the same aswell as yf  
they had ben takē befoze them selues  
and shal arrayne those that be so  
indyted of felonye / and shal sette  
fynes vppon suche as be indyted of  
trespas, the ex. reates of which fines  
shalbe irolled by idētūre & deliuered  
vnto

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unto the same Shyfftes or ministers.

**A**nd if any Shyfftes or their ministers arrest or attache any person by colour of any suche indytemente or presentment in theyr turnes or lawdayes, or els take any fyne or amercciamēt therfore they haue procelle fro the Justycers of the peace, or afoze pextreates oute of the Indytementes shalbe deliuered, they shall forfayte C.li. the moite wherof shalbe to the partye suynge therfore by wytte of dette in whiche no wager of law nor protectiō shalbe allowed. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo ultimo.

**U**ppon an informacyon made to Justicers of peace, or to other Justicers agaynst any person for reteynig or gnyng of liueres, or agaynst any that is reteined or taketh liueres the Justycers shall make procelle thereupon, as vppon a recouerye of dette or tre.pas. And yf the Shyffe i any



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any sute grounded therupon agaynst  
any person beyng sufficient, retorne  
any lesse issues, then .xx. s. at the fyrst  
day of the distresse, and at the second  
day .xxx. s. and at the thyrde day .xl.  
s. and so at every day after, more by  
.x. s. in issues, for every suche retorne  
he shall forsayte .xx. s. viii. Edwardi  
iiii. Capitulo. ii.

¶ The olde Shyref shall haue power  
to retourne wyttes, and to execute  
his offyce durynge the terme of saynt  
Myghell, and hillarie, after the yere  
of his sayde offyce expired, oneles he  
be lawfully discharged thereof before  
xv. Edwardi. iiii. Cappy. vi.

¶ No Shyref, nor other officer shall  
seale or take the goodes of any per<sup>son</sup>  
beyng arrested or imprisoned for felo  
ny by whiche the same person be dueply  
couicte or attained of the same felo  
ny by course of the comon lawe, or ex  
cepte the same goodes be other wyse  
lawfully

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lawfully forsayte, vpon payne to forsayte the double value of the goodes so taken to the partye greued sayng therfore by accyon of dette, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine nor proteccyon shalbe allowed. i. R. iii. Ca. iiii.

**E** No baylliffe nor other offycer in any panel within any countie of this realme shall retourne any person to be put in or vpon any Inquiritie i the turnes of Shyreffes, but suche as be of good name and fame hauing frehold to the yerely value of .xx.s. or copyhold to the yerely value of .xxvi.s. viii. d. at the least aboue al charges vpon payne to lese for every person so not beyng sufficiente, at every tyme that they shall so offende .xl. s. and the Shyreffe other. xl. s. wherof the one moyte shall be to the partye suffering therfore by accyon of dette in which sulte no proteccyon, nor essoine shall be allowed. But wade




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get of lawe is not expessed. And for  
that cause it behoueth to make infoz  
macpon therof in the eschequer. i. Ri  
chardt. iiii. Capitulo. iiii.

**T** Shyreffes oꝛ other haupnge the  
custodie of Gayles shall certifpe the  
names of euerye pꝛesoner beyng in  
theyꝝ custodie, and to them cōmytted  
foꝛ felony, vnto the Justycers at the  
nexte general Gaile delpuerye to be  
halendꝛed, vppon payne to foꝛfayte  
foꝛ euerye tyme that they shall make  
default in so doyng. C. s. iiii. Henrici.  
vi. Capitulo. iiii.

**A**lso the Shyꝛffe noꝛ no other pꝛsō  
in his name oꝛ by his cōmaūdement  
shal etre no playntes ito theyꝝ bokes  
no mānes name on lesse the plaītife  
be there in his pꝛoper pꝛsō oꝛ els by  
sufficient atturney oꝛ deputie that is  
known of good name and the pla-  
tiffe shal fynde pledges persons that  
be known in that countye to pursue  
his

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his playnt, and the plaintiffe shal ha  
ue but one playnt for one trespass or  
one contracc. And yf the Shyreff or  
any other his officers cause to be en  
tered any mo playntes then the playn  
tiffe suppolet that he hath cause of  
accyon agaynste the defendante, then  
the Shyreff or his Clerke that dothe  
cause to be entered any such platntes  
contrary to this acte shal forfayt for  
euery defaulte xl.s. the one halfe to  
him that wyl sue and proue the same  
matter by accio of dette or iformacio  
 Also the Shyreff shal make suf  
ficient p[re]ceptes after such playntes  
entered agaynste the defendante dy  
rected to the baillyffe of the hundreth  
to atache or warne the defendante  
to apper and answer to the sayde  
playntes, and yf there be any defaul  
te in the sayde bayllyffe of the hun  
dreth in w[ri]tynge or executynge of  
theyre offces then to forfayte.



## of Shyreffes.

cl. s. and to be cōpycted therof by examynactō of the iusticers of the peace or any of them.

\* The same Shyreffes nor theyre deputes shall make none estrates to leuie the shyre amerciamētes til that it. Justicers of the peace wherof one to be of the Quorum haue the syght of theyr bokes and the estrates to be endented bytwyte the Justycers of peace and the shyreffe and vnder shyreffe sealed with theyr seales, the one parte to remayne with the sayde Justycers, and the other parte with the Shyreffes.

And those persons that shalbe gatherers of the sayde amerciamētes shalbe swozne by the sayd Justicers þ they take no moze money thē is for sayte & cōtepyued in þ estreates sealed with the seales of the Justicers to þ same vppon the same payne of forfayture as is aboue rehersed, the same

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same gatherers to be cōuyncte by examinacon of þe same Justicers, or one of them. And the same Justycers of peace shalbe appointed at the sessiōs holden at Myghelmas by hym that is custos rotulorum or in his absēce by the eldest of the Quorum to have the controlemente of the sayde Shyreffes vndershyreffes shyre Clerkes and oher of the sayde officers and of the sayde shyreffes amerciamentes. And the sayd Justicers of peace vpon suggestion shal make proces aginst the shyreffe vndershyreffe shyre clerkes or oher officers to appere before them to answer to suche suggestion or informacion as is vsed in accorde of trespas. Anno secundo Henrici. v. Capitulo. xv.

¶ Also euery shyreffe shal cause to be taken al vagaboundes ydle people and suspect persones and let them to the stocks there to remaine at þe first



## of Shyreffes.

takyng by one day and one nyght  
and at the seconde tyme to be in the  
stocks by thre dayes & thre nightes  
with breade and water. And yf anye  
Shyreffe execute not these pzemisses of  
euery vagabūde hermytte or begger  
able to labour or clarkes pylgrimes  
or Shyppmen as often as any suche cō  
meth in syght or that he hath therof  
any knowledge within the towne or  
place where he hath auctoꝝpte that  
as ofte as any such misdoer abyde  
there aboue the space of one day and  
one nyght and departe vnerainpned  
& unpunished, for euery misdoer so  
departed the Shyreffe to lose. iiii.s.  
iiii.d. and the Shyreffe in his tour-  
ne hath auctoꝝpte to enqyre of all  
the defautes of Mayres, Bayllyffes  
hyghe cōstables, pety Cōstables.  
and all other gouernoures, and of  
other gouernoures, and offycers of  
Cyties, Townes and Villages,  
within

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Within theyr tourne and to haue .liti.  
s. i. i. d. for every defaulte founde in  
his tourne. Anno. xvi. henti. vii. ca  
pitulo duodecimo.

¶ Also every shyreffe by a pzecepte  
dyrected vnto hym by the Justycers  
of peace to retourne a panel to enqui  
re of any ryot or vnlawfull assemble  
commytted shall retourne. xxiii. per  
sons dwelling in the shyre, every of  
themyr haupnge. xx. s. of freholde or  
xxvi. s. viii. d. of copy hold or of both  
ouer all charges, and to retourne in  
pssues every person. xx. s. at the fyrst  
day, and at the seconde day. xl. s. and  
yf the defaulte be in the shyreffe for re  
tournyng of persons not beyng of  
that sufficence or for no retournyng  
of issues i forme befoze sayd he to for  
fayt. xx. li. Anno. xvi. H. vii. Capit. xv.

¶ Also yf anye ryote or Assemble of  
people be made in any partye of this  
realme agaynste the lawe, the Just

cers



## of Shyreffes.

etys of the peace, or two of the at the least, and the Shyreffe or vnder Shyreffe may come with the power of the countrey (yf nede be) to arrest & bypnyng the, and bypnyng them befoze the same Justycers of the peace. And the Shyreffes or vnder Shyreffes haue power to recozde that, that they shall fynde in theyr pzeſe done contrarpe to the lawe, and the offendout shalbe conuypcte by such recozde. And yf they be departed befoze the comynng of the sayde Justycers/ Shyreffe, or vnder Shyreffe, then shall the same Justycers or two of the within one moneth after suche tpyot, enquyre dyligently where the assemble was made. And yf the trueth can not be founde, then the same Justycers, or two of theym, and the Shyreffe or vnder Shyreffe aboue sayde, within a moneth nexte folowynge, shall certpye befoze the kynge and his counsell the hole dede

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### **The offyce.**

withal the circumstances therof, which certifycat shalbe as strong to put the parties to answer therupon, as an indytemente founde by twelue men.

An. xlii. H. quartt, Capi. vltimo.

And yf the sayde ryot or vnlawful assemble be not founde (by reason of any embracerpe or mayntenaunce of the sayd Justyce) then the sayd Justycers of peace and the Shyreffes ouer and aboue suche certifycat that they muste make accorbynge to the sayde statute made. An. xlii. Hentici quartt shal in the same certifycat certify the names of the sayde maynteynours & embzaspours in that behalfe (yf any be) with theyre mysdoemeanours that they knowe, vpon payne of euery of the sayd Justycers, and Shyreffs or vnder Shyreffes. x. li. yf they haue no reasonable excuse for no certifypunge of the same which certifycat so made shal be an indytemente in the

law



## of Shyppes.

lawe, and euery person duely proued  
to be mayntenour or embzasour shal  
forfayte. xx. s. and to be committed  
to warde there to remayne by dyscre  
spon of the Justycers. an. xix. Henrici  
septimi Capitulo. xiii.

¶ Also that no shyppes bpō wyttes  
and p̄ceptes dyrected to hym do re  
tourne befoze Escheatours or Com  
missioners any person to enquyre of  
any lādes or tenemētes, except euery  
of the same Jurpe haue lādes and te  
nementes of the yerely value of. cl. s.  
aboue all charges in the same shyppes  
bpō payne of forfattur for euery per  
son so retourned a hundred shyllyn  
ges. Anno tertio Henrici octau Cap  
itulo secundo,

¶ Also al panels put in by p̄ shyppes  
befoze any iusticer of gale delpuere  
or befoze Justycers of peace (wherof  
one to be of the Quorū) in theyr opē  
sessiōs to enquyre for p̄ kig shal be re  
fourmed by

### The offyce.

puttyng to, and takynge out of the name so inpanell'd by dyscrecion of the same Justycers. And that y<sup>e</sup> same Justycers o<sup>r</sup> Justycer shal comaunde every Shyreffe and they<sup>r</sup> mynysters in they<sup>r</sup> absences to put other persōs in the same panell by they<sup>r</sup> discrecyō and the same panell so refourmed by the Justicers to be good. And yf any Shyreff do not retourne the same panell so refourmed, the every Shyreff so offendynge to<sup>r</sup> every suche offence shal forfayte. xx. li. halfe to hym that wyll sue by action of Det, byl o<sup>r</sup> complaynt where such shall fal o<sup>r</sup> be, and no wager of lawe, essyon, no<sup>r</sup> protectyon shalbe allowed.

**A**lso vpon every erygente (where wyttes of proclamacyon are to be awarded) the same wytte of proclamacyon to haue the same daye of retourne that the erygent hath, and to be deliuered of reco<sup>r</sup>de, and the Shyreffe



## of Shyreffes.

resse to make proclamacion thze seue  
ral dayes i his playn Countie, wherof  
one of the proclamacions to be made  
at the generall sessyons in those par  
tyes where the partye is suppoled to  
be dwellinge, that he yelde hym selfe  
to the Shyref of the fozen Shyre that  
the Shireffe maye haue the bodye at  
the day of the exygent returnable to  
answere to the plaintes, and that the  
Shiref of the sayd countie that hath  
such wyttes of proclamacyon duely  
execute y same, and therof make due  
retourne at the day appoynted in the  
same wytte, vpon payne to forsayte  
suche amercyament as by the Justy-  
cers shalbe assessed.

Shyreffes, Bailiffes, Costables  
and al other hede officers, and every  
of them fyndyng or knowyng any  
person, vpyng or exercysyng any vn  
lawefull games contrarye to the sta-  
tute: haue ful power to comyt euerye  
suche

### **The offyce.**

such offendour to warde, there to re-  
maïne without baylle or maynprys  
to suche tyme as they so offendynge  
be bound by obligacyon to the kyn-  
ges vse in suche sūmes of money as  
by dyscrecyon of the sayde Shyreffes,  
or other officers shalbe thought rea-  
sonable, that they from hense forth  
shall not vse any vnlaweful games  
An. sexto. H. octauī. Capit. secundo.

**I**f any impotēt pson begge with-  
in any other place then with in such  
lymyttes as he shalbe assygned, the  
Shyreff and all other of the kynges  
officers shall by theyr discrecyon pu-  
nysh the suche persons by imprysōmēt  
in the stocks, by the space of. ii. days  
& two nyghtes gyuyng them breade  
and water onely, & after that cause  
them to be swozne to retorne agayne  
to the place where they be lycēsed to  
begge. Anno. xxi. Henrici octauī Ca-  
pitulo duodecimo.

**The**



## of Shyreffes.

**T**he Justicer of peas vpon infor-  
macion oꝝ presentmēt made agaynst  
any Towneshyp foꝝ none excecutyng  
of this acte/shal make proces by dy-  
stres agaynst the inhabitātes of the  
towne, and therby the Shireffe shal  
distreyn the goodes of one oꝝ two of  
the inhabitauntes of the town as he  
may knowe foꝝ negligēt in the town  
and retayne the dystres tyll he fynde  
suertie to appere at the sessiōs befoze  
the Justycers.

**A**nd vpon the retourne of the Shy-  
resse of the dystres yf the person ap-  
pere not, then euery suche person to  
lose. xl. d. at the fyyste dystres, and at  
the seconde dystres. vi. s. viii. d. vpon  
his defaulte, and so to be doubled at  
euery dystres tyl appetaunce be had  
20 Shireffes that haue custodye of  
Gaules shal make seales to be graue  
with the name of þe castell that he ke-  
pethe foꝝ to gyue, and seale wyttes  
to

### **The offyce**

to prysoners acqwyted to begge for  
theyr fees within the hundzeth wher  
he is deliuered by. vi. wykes next af-  
ter is deliuered, and then to go to the  
hundzeth where he laste dwelled by.  
iii. pere, or where he was bozne. The  
Shireffe shal not suffre any such pris-  
soner to begge for his fees, nor to de-  
parte but to do seruyce and laboure,  
tyll that he deliuer hym suche letter  
and the Clerke of the peace to make  
the bypse within one daye after the  
sessions, vpon payne of twelue pence  
to the kyng. Anno. xxi. Henrici. viii.  
Capitulo. xii.

**F**or distroyng of Crowes, Rokes  
and Choughes, it is ordeyned that  
euery person hauing any maners la-  
des and tenementes in theyr manu-  
rance, shal do as moche as in hym is  
resonable to kyl and distrope þe same  
Crowes, Choughes, and Rokes by-  
dyng or abydyng vpon his landes



## of Shyreffes

or tenement, upon pain of a greuous  
amercciamēt to be set. And yf þ̄ offēce  
be within the lymitt of letes, rapes,  
or court barons, then to be set by the  
Steward with two of the p̄sentours  
by the Steward and p̄sentours to  
be named bp̄o the p̄sentment fōūde  
and p̄sented, and to be reasonably  
assessed after the quātite of the offēce  
And the amercciamēt to be to þ̄ lord  
of the laweday, and yf any person be  
lord of suche manours, or inhabyte  
ther, where vnto any suche laweday  
or rape is belongynge) then upon a  
p̄sentemēt had before the Shyreffe  
in his turne with two of the p̄sen-  
tours to be chosen by the p̄sētours,  
shall cesse the sayde amercciamēt, by  
theyr discrecion to þ̄ vse of the kyng  
and be leuyed by distres. Anno. rxiij  
Henrici. viij. Capitulo. x,  
¶ And þ̄ Shyreffes in theyr turnes  
shall gyue in charge to the tenants  
and

### **The offyce.**

and inhabitauntes apperyng before  
them that they shall ouely enqurye,  
& put in excecucion the effecte of this  
acte.

Schyzeffes shall holde theyr cour-  
tes fro moneth to moneth. And wher  
greater tyme is wonte to be, greater  
shal be. Magna Carta. Cap. ccciii.

2<sup>d</sup> The kynge comaundeth that Schy-  
reffes & theyr officers which receyue  
his dettes shal acquite lawefully the  
dettours at the nexte accomtes after  
that they haue receyued the det, and  
then it shall be allowed at the Esche-  
ker, so that it shall not come in the so-  
mons after, And p<sup>r</sup> t<sup>r</sup> he Schyzeffe do  
otherwysse, and be attained therof, he  
shal rendre thre tymes so much as he  
hath receyued / and shall make fyn  
at the kynges wyl. And p<sup>r</sup> another  
do it, for whose hande he is answer-  
able at the Eschequyre, he shall ren-  
dre the treble therof to the playntiff

and



## of Shyreffes.

and shal make fyne in the same. And  
the Shyreffe shal make taylor to al  
them that haue payde him the kyngs  
dettes. Westmynster pymer. Capi-  
tulo nono.

**C**Concernynge Shyreffes and other  
whiche haue leuyed the kinges dette  
and make taitles oꝝ other acquittance  
to the dettour, and discharg hym not  
It is agreed that when the Shyref is  
impleded therfoze in the Eschequer by  
the dettour, yf he come not at the dy-  
stres, then shall another dystres be a-  
warded returnable at a certayn day  
wherin it shall be commaunded that  
proclamacion be made in the ful cort  
ie, that the defendaunt shal come in  
by a certayne day to acquyte the det-  
tour of the sūme, foꝝ whiche he made  
him the acquytāce oꝝ taylor, at which  
if he come not i, & the wyrt be retour-  
ned & the proclamacyon certifyed, he  
shalbe

## The offyce

shalbe holden conuicte, and the dette  
shalbe leuyed of hym, in lyke maner  
as dette recouered, agaynst hym in þe  
kynge's courtte, and damages shalbe  
awarded to the playntiffe accordyng  
to the dyscrecyō of the Barons. xliii.  
Edwardi, ii. in the estatute of Attain  
tes the laste Chapter.

**T**he kynge commaundeth that all  
Shyreffes, and Bailiffes which haue  
receyued his dettes, of the somōs of  
the eschequer, which acqyte not þe det  
tours vpon the nexte accōpte: shalbe  
punysshed accordig to the estatutes  
made. *Dysstressys of the Escquyre.*  
*Capitulo quinto,*

**I**t is ordeyned that execucion of  
wyttes which come to the Shyreffe  
be made by the hundreders knowen  
and sworne, and in the ful countye  
not by others, yf it be not for greater  
scarpyte of hundredes. For then it  
shalbe done by other persons conue  
nyent



## **Schyreffes.**

uentent and sworne. The estatute of  
Lyncolne the laste Chapitre  
: Schireff; shal not be charged with  
the leueng of any issues, no; shal le-  
ue any, befoze they come oute of the  
Eschequer by the extreates there to be  
leuyed. And yf percase any Schyreffe  
retourne issues vpon any recognitoz  
pledge o; manucaptoz, by hi assessed  
and retourned in to our court, which  
to the payment of the same pssues o;  
amercpamentes at the tyme of the re-  
turne was insufficēt, the same Schy-  
resse shalbe charged therewith at the  
Eschequer, and shal make tayles to al  
persons of al maner of thinges by hi  
receyued, and shal not retourne any  
where the names of manucaptozes  
Turtours o; other, except it be acco;  
dyng to the tenour of the wyttes to  
them directed, no; shal retourne the  
names of pledg; of fre mē any where  
oneles they haue manifestly cōfessed  
them

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them selues pledges. The statute of  
Fynes. Capitulo. secundo.

**N**o Shiref, Coroner, or other the  
kynge's mynysters shall take no re-  
warde for doyng his offyce, and if he  
do, he shall paye the double, and shall  
be punished at the kynge's wyl/but  
shalbe payed of that which they take  
of the kynge. Westm. Capit. xxvi.

**S**hiressees shall not suffre any bar-  
rettour or maynteinoure of matters  
within his countie, neither stewardest  
of greute lordes or other (whiche be  
not attourneys to theyr lordes to do  
theyr luytes) nor to lye vpon the iud-  
gements of the countie, nor to pro-  
nounce them excepte he be therto re-  
quyred of al the iutours and attour-  
neys & shalbe there at the same iour-  
ney. And yf he do the contrarie / the  
kynge shall take it greuously to the  
shiresse and the offendour. Westm. Capitulo. xxxi



of Shyreffes.

It shalbe leful for every Shyreff  
Justycer of peace and Eschetour to  
seale to the kynges vse al such good  
and cattels that such persōs as come  
within this realme shal be called Egip-  
tians haue, and therof to make accōpt  
to the kyng in his Eschequer, and to  
retayne and kepe the moite therof to  
his owne vse, and accompte for the  
residue, and to pay no fees for thy ac-  
compte nor for his discharge therof.  
In these statutes it appereth what  
thing the Shyreff ought to do by rea-  
son of his offyce, & that he ought not  
to take any thyng for doing his office  
but onely that whiche is appoynted  
to hym by the same statute. And if he  
do o; take any thyng otherwyle, it is  
extorcion whiche ought to be enqui-  
red upon by Justycers of the peas, &  
the Shyref shalbe punished therfore.  
And yf any Shyref do any extorciō  
to the people, and be duely atteinted  
therof

## The offyce

therof, he shalbe straitly punysched  
therfore at the pleasure of the kyng  
Anno. i. H. iiii. Capitulo. xi.

2. Shyffes may, and are bounde  
to enqyre of comen annuall done  
to al maner of the kynges subiectes,  
but not of assautes made vpon any  
pivate person for that is but a pert  
culer offece, by Martyn. iiii. Hen. vi.

¶ The Shyffe must kepe his turne  
withyn a moneth after Easter, & withyn  
in a moneth after þe feast of S. Mychell.  
And yf he kepe it at any tyme af-  
ter the moneth of the sayde feastes  
is boyd by þe estatute of. A. rrr. C. iii.  
Capi. xii. And all indytementes, and  
presentmentes there taken after the  
same tyme be boyd.

¶ Blodshed shalbe enqyred of, in  
the Shyffes tourne, bycause it is an  
artycle that is to be enqyred of in  
lete. All letes be derpyed and taken  
oute of the Shyffes tournes, in

mod



## of Shyreffes.

moche that for default of enquerp  
in Letes of thiges enquerable there  
þ same thynge there omitted ought  
to be enquyred of in the tourne of Shy  
reffes. H. viii. Edwardi. iiii.

¶ And all the Justycers sayde that  
the Shyreffe in his tourne hath auc  
toyte to enquyre of all thynge that  
be trespas oꝝ felony by the comō law  
(excepte the deathe of a man) but of  
trespas oꝝ felony made by Estacutē,  
the Shyref i his turne hath no powe  
to enquyre of H. xvi. Edwardi. iii

¶ And yf the Shyreffe i his tourne i  
quyre of Rusesces, that shulde be in  
quyred of in the Lete of another, and  
the same be founde, yet maye he not  
distreynne for the amerciamēt of such  
a pꝛesētment. For yf he do he is tresp  
passour. But yf there were a default  
in the lord of the lete i that he wolde  
not inquyre, oꝝ fynde the same, when  
he ought to haue enquyred therof, in

D. this

### The offyce.

this case it semeth that the Shireffe in  
his turne may enqurye of it i Defaut  
of the lozde, **9. r. viii. Edwardi. iiii.**

¶ And yf one haue a fayze oꝝ market  
by graunt oꝝ pꝛescriptyon, and kepe  
not his fayze oꝝ market as he ought  
the Shireffe ought to inquyre therof  
in his tourne. **xx. ii. Henrici sexti.**

¶ Upon a pꝛesentment of Auſance  
in the Shireffes turne, the party shall  
be amerced there by the Shireffe, whi  
che may byſtreyne foꝝ þ̄ amercyament  
And yf poꝛpꝛesture be pꝛesented there  
the Shireffe may abate the same, and  
reſourme it, **9. r. vi. Edwardi. iiii.**

¶ Also it appeareth by the Boke of  
Breton that vnto the turne of the Sh  
ref ought to come all the freholders  
of the hundꝛede, and other lande te  
nauntes (Clarke: men of Kelyggon  
and w:men onely excepte) where at þ̄  
Shireff shal cause. **xxi. of the most sage**  
and sufficient persons of the hundꝛed  
to be



## of Shyreffes.

to be sworne. And then shall all the  
residue be sworne by Boscors & by the  
townes, which shall make theyr pre-  
sentment to the s<sup>y</sup>ste. rii. Jurrours,  
vpo þ articles where with they shall  
be charged. And it semethe that the  
shyreff ought to holde his tourne i  
euery hundred within the countye.

20 What thynges be enquyrable in  
the Shyreffes tourne.



First they shall enquire yf  
there be any mysdoet i þ  
hūdzd of whome any dā  
deth i dout of lyfe oꝝ lym  
me, & what is his name.

Also they shall enquire of all moꝝ  
tall enemyes, to the kyng & the quene  
theyr chyldeꝛne, oꝝ counsellers, of  
counterfeatynge the kynges seale oꝝ  
his money, of manslaughter and murde  
rs, of burners of others coꝛne oꝝ  
howses felonously, of Burglours.  
of Robbours, of theues, of outlawes  
of those

## The dysce

of those that haue adured y<sup>e</sup> realme,  
and come agayne, of Sorcerys and  
wytches, of myscreantes and herety-  
kes, of tratours and of popsoners, of  
cutters of purses, of Murders, of Wit-  
taplers byeng and sellinge wittyn-  
gly stolne fleshe, of the that wittyn-  
gly make whyte the saynnes of bea-  
stly stolne, of redubbours that wittyn-  
gly bye stolne clothes, and dresse them  
into another facyon, of treasure hyd  
in the grounde, hues and cryes wro-  
fully o<sup>r</sup> ryghtfully leuped & not put,  
sued, o<sup>r</sup> waters stopped straightened  
o<sup>r</sup> tourned, of boundes pulled by o<sup>r</sup>  
wrongefyllye chaunged, of walles  
houses, gates, marlepptes dytches  
o<sup>r</sup> other disturbaūces made o<sup>r</sup> leuied  
bypon anye comon waye to the anno-  
saunce, of petye byrbours that they  
shewe to haue the wolle, of suche as  
take thefrote and of those that haue  
made a pryson of theyre owne houl-  
o<sup>r</sup> houl



## of Shyppes

of householde, of pounde preache, of  
trespassours in parkes and podes, of  
takers of other mennes doves, of the  
assple of bzeade & ale broken to them  
that bye and sel by measure agaynst  
the assple, of chaunce medleys, of cō-  
teckours, of blodshedde, of watches  
vnkept, of the kynges hyghe wayes  
not enlarged of those that haue kept  
appeachours in any other prison the  
the kiges or any other felon aboue a  
day & a nyght, of new liberties custo-  
mes or iurisdiccions vsurped spns &  
laste tourne on water or on lande, of  
weyffes, of wreckes of the sec founde  
and kepte away of byrges and caul-  
rets broke, and who ought to repay-  
te the, and of those that clame fran-  
chyses, or iudgements realles, and  
of al those of the age of, xii, yer, gone  
out of the hundzed, whiche be not co-  
me in to the tourne excepte Clarkes,  
nyght, theyr chylde & wiues which  
be not

## Baillyffes.

**Capitu. b.** And Justicers of the peas must iquire if þ Bailiffes haue done theyr offyce in that poynte.

✥ Also they must iquire of Bailiffes of liberttes whiche be keepers of any gayle enforce any of theyr prissoners to be appealours to þ entent to haue a fyne of þ parties appealed for dout of imprisonment. primo Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. vii.

¶ Bailiffes of liberttes which take indptementes in theyre tournes, or other where, ought to take the by indenture, whereof the one parte shall remayne with the inditours, and the other with the Baillyffe. ii. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. xvii.

¶ None shalbe made Baillyffe of liberttes, except he haue sufficient land in the place where he is minystre, to make answer to the kynge and his people. iiii. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. ix.

¶ Baillyffes of liberttes whiche be  
Bailours



of liberties.

Baylours and haue the keepynge of  
p:isōs ought to receyue & safely kepe  
all theues delyuered to them by the  
Constables of the townes, beyng in-  
dited, takē with the maner, or appea-  
led of felony without takynge: ought  
iii. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. x.

**T** Baylyffes of lybertyes muste re-  
ceiue suche persons as be arrested in  
theyr fraunchyse by the Constables,  
for suspeccon of felonye, that walke  
in y<sup>e</sup> countrey by nyght, or be of euyl  
name, and shall kepe them in pryson  
vntyll the comynge of the Justycers  
of gayle delyuerye, and in the meane  
tyme the Baylyffes must inquire of  
them. v. Edwardi. iii. Capi. xiiii.

**T** Baillyffes of liberties / Constables  
and other offycers of townes where  
lopters and vagaboundes resorte  
haue power to examyne them dylly-  
gently, and compel them to fynde su-  
erety by sufficient mainpernours be-  
pyng

## Bayllyffes.

ynge distreynable of theyr good behauour. And yf any defaute be founden in the same lopters and vagaboundes, and can not fynde suretye, they shalbe sente to the nexte Bayle there to remayne vntyl the comynge of the Justycers of Bayle delecuyte, whiche may do with the as they shal thynke best by the course of the lawe vñ. Rycharde. ii. Capitulo. v.

**C** An seruaunte or labourer at the ende of his terme shall depart out of the hūored or Rape where he is dwellynge to dwelle any other where onles he bynge a letter patente conteynynge the cause of his going vnder þe kynges seale thereto assigned. And if any seruaunt laborer be founde vagarāt without suche letter, he shalbe takē forth by the Shyreffes. Mayres. Bailliffes or other offycers, & put i stockes vntyl he finde suretie of retorne to the towne to serue from whens he came



of lybertyes.

came, vntyl he haue suche a letter to  
deperte for cause reasonable. xii. Ry-  
chard. ii. Capitulo. iiii.

¶ Bayllyffes of liberties haue pow-  
er to arrest seruañtes & labourers þe  
weare Daggers swordes, & knyues, &  
them to seale & kepe vntyl the sessiōs  
of the peace, and the weapons to pre-  
sent to the Justycers there with the na-  
mes of them that bare them, and the  
weapons shalbe forfayte, except they  
be trauailing i the countre with theyr  
maysters, or in theyr landes or busy-  
nes. xii. Richard. ii. Capitulo. vi.

¶ Shyreffes and Baillyffes of liber-  
ties in theyr lybertyes are bounden to  
receyue seruañtes & labourers beg-  
gynge and bagarante, and them to  
deteyne in prisō without baile, wout  
takynge of any fee or other thyng of  
them at theyr entre or departinge by  
thē selves or by theyr deputies vpo pa-  
ne of. C. s. to the kige. xii. R. ii. Ca. ix.

Bayllyffes

## Baillyffes

**B**aillyffes of liberties to whom þe  
keping of the assyse of bread and ale  
and the correctyon of the same belon-  
geith, shall take no amercyament nor  
fyne for no default touching the sayd  
assyse for which the offendour ought  
by the lawe to haue corporall penaũ-  
ce, but they shall adiudge them to the  
same penaunce. And Baillyffes of  
lyberties and all other that haue the  
keppnge and ouersyght of vitaylles  
shall put in due execuciō the estatute  
made i the .xxiii. yere of Edward the  
thyrde whiche begineth *Quia maior  
pars populi, &c. ciii. R. ii. Capitu, viii*  
Bouchers, ffishers, Hostellars,  
Brewars, Bakers, Butlers, and all  
other sellars of vitailles are bounde  
to sel such maner of vitailles at a re-  
sonable pryce, haupnge regarde to þe  
pryce wherat such vitailles are solde  
in other places nere / so that they  
maye haue a competente gayne and  
not



of lybertyes.

not excessiue accordig as by þ distance  
of the places (fro whes the vitaylles  
are carped they shal thynke reasona-  
ble to be requyred. And yf any sell by  
tailles i any other maner & therof be  
conuycte, he shal paye the double of  
that he hath receyued to the partye  
endamaged, or in his defaute to any  
other that wyl sue therfor. And Mai-  
res & Bayllyffes of townes, &c. haue  
power to enquyre of all such as offed  
agaynst his ordinaunce in any poynt  
And in case that the same Mayres, &  
Bayllyffes be negligēt in doyng ex-  
ecution of þ p̄misses, and therupon  
be conuycted by the Justycers assyg-  
ned by vs they shalbe copelled by the  
same Justycers to restore the treble  
value of the thyng sold to the par-  
tie greued, or to any other that in his  
defaut wyl sue and neuertheles shal  
be greuously punysshed agaynst vs  
xxiii. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. vi.

## **Baplleſſes;**

**N**o Stewarde, Baplleſſe. nor o-  
ther miniſter of lordes of fraunchyſes  
whiche haue retorne of wyttis ſhal  
be atturney to any perſon in any mat-  
ter within the ſame fraunchyſe or bai-  
lewike wher he is offycer at any ma-  
ner of tyme. liti. H. liti. Capit. xix.

**I**f any heynous ryotte be made, þe  
Juſtycers of the peace, and the Shireſ  
or vnder Shireſſe ought to do their of-  
fyce accorþynge to the eſtatute made  
xiti. H. liti. And if they do not, at the  
ſute of þe partye greued a Compyſſyon  
ſhall go forth to enquyre therof, and  
of the defaulte of the Juſtycers and  
the Shyreſſe, and the coroner ſhall ſer-  
ue the proceſſe / and he muſt retourne  
perſons that haue lāde to the yerely  
value of .x. li. and ſhall retourne alſo  
xx. s. in iſſues at the fyrſte daye, and  
xl. ſhillynge, at the ſeconde, & at the  
thyrde. C. ſhillynge and ſo double it  
at euerye daye after. And yf defaulte  
be in



of libertyes.

be in the Cozoner in retournyng the  
issues, or of persons of suche lande,  
he shall lese .xl. l. And yf the olde Shy-  
reffe be discharged, the newe Shireffe  
shall serue the proceffe, and not the  
Cozoner vppon payne of .xl. l. yf the  
defaut be founden in hym, touchyng  
the retorne of other persons by hym  
ympanelled whiche haue not landes  
to the perely value of .x. l. or to retur-  
ne suche yssues as the Cozoners be  
charged with. And Bayllyffes of ly-  
bertyes are bounden for to impanell  
suffycient persons, as aboue is sayd  
vpon payne to lese .xl. li. in case that  
suche persons may be founde within  
his baylewike, ii. Hen. v. Capit. viii.  
¶ Bayllyffes of fraunchises ought  
to make theyre retournes, and aun-  
swers vnto the Shyreff vppon his  
precept made vnto them in a speccial  
wryt of assyse. vi. dayes before y daye  
of y session, vpon payn to forfayt .xl. l.  
for enery

## Bayllyffes.

for every tyme that they shall do the  
contrary. vi. Henrici sexti. Capitulo  
secundo.

¶ Where a pzecepte is made to the  
Shyreff by Justycers of the peace to  
retourne a panell to inquyre of forcy-  
ble entre, and he sendeth his pzecept  
to þ Bayllyffe of þ liberte to retorne  
the panell bycause þ ryot was done  
withyn the lybertye, now is the Bayl-  
lyffe bounden to make due retourne  
& execucion of the pzeceptes to hym  
dyrected, vpon payne of. xx.li. for eve-  
ry defaulte. And the Estature wyll  
that the Shyreff shall retourne. xx.  
s. in yssues, vpo every Jurrur at the  
fyrste daye, and that everye Jurrour  
whiche shal passe in the enquiry shal  
spende. xl. s. yerely, wherby it semeth  
that Bayllyffes of libertyes are bounde  
to do lykewyse, yf so manye of the  
sayd Jurrours be w<sup>in</sup> his lybertye,  
for els he is not. viii. Hen. vi. Ca. ix.

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## of lybertyes

**W**aplyffes of lybertyes in attayn-  
tes bp on plee of lāde of the perely va-  
lue of .xl. s. or moze, nor in attayntes  
for dedes concernyng landes of lyke  
value, nor in attayntes upon perso-  
nal accyons wherin the recouerye ex-  
tēdeth vnto .xl. l. or moze shal not re-  
tourne or impanell anye persons in  
such iquest, but those þe dwelling  
within his baillewyke, and that haue  
estate to theyr owne vse in landes or  
tenemētes for terme of lyfe to the pe-  
rely value of twenty pounde or moze  
within his baylewyke out of aūcypete  
demesne and the fyue Portes. And  
at the fyrste daye of the dystresse re-  
toured/shal retourne no lesse issues  
in suche accyons of attaynte then .xl.  
s. and the seconde dystres .C. s. and  
the double of euery other dystres vpon  
the persons so impanelled and retour-  
ned. . And yf he do the contrarye, he  
shall pay .xl. to the kynge & as moch

to

## Baillyffes

to the partte. xv. Henrici sexti. Capitulo quinto.

**E** Baillyffes and other the kynges offycers may arrest those souldiours that came from the see and shewe not letters testimonials from they? Cap-  
taines that they haue lycensed them And they shall kepe them vntyl they haue iquyred whether that they had lycense or not, & yf they haue no such lycense, then shall they be punysshed as felons. xviij. H. vi. Capitulo. xix.

**N**o Baillyffe of a lybertie (vpon any pcept so bi dyrected to retorne the panell of any enquest) shal in the same retourne any baillyffs offycers or seruauntes to any offycer abovesayd, nor shal take any thyng by the selfe or by other of any persō by them arrested or attayched to they? owne vse or auerle, nor of any other persō for any arrest or attachemēt by y<sup>e</sup> bodye made by them, or that is arrested

by



## Of lybertyes.

by vertue of theyr offyce, for fyne, fee  
suete of persō, maynprys, lettynge to  
baylle, of the wyng of any ease or fa-  
uour to any person so beyng arrested  
for theyr rewards or profyt, but as is  
here lymytted, that is to wete for the  
Shireffe. xx. d. the Baillyffe that may-  
kes the arreste. iiii. d. and to the gay-  
lour yf the prysoner be committed to  
hym. iiii. d. And no bayllyffe of anye  
lybertie, nor Coroner by hym self nor  
by other by coloure of his offyce shal  
take any thyng for the makynge of  
retourne or panell, and for the coppe  
of a panell but. iiii. d. Also bayllyffes  
of lybertyes shal let out of prysen all  
persons by them arrested or being in  
theyr keepynge by force of any bylle.  
wyttte, or warrant in any accyon per-  
sonal, or by force of any indytemēt of  
trespas, vpon reasonable suertye ha-  
uyng suffycient withi the baillewyke  
wher they be let to bale, to kepe theyr

Daves

## **Bayllyffes.**

Daves in the same places as the same  
byll, wytte, or warrant shall require  
those onely excepted, which be iward  
vpon anye condempnacyn, or be ex-  
comunycate, or outlawed, or arrested  
vpon suertye of the peace, and vaga-  
cantes that refuse to serue. And that  
the sayd Baillyffes shal not take any  
obligacyō of any person, nor by any  
persō being in theyr warde by course  
of the lawe, for any the causes aboue  
reherstyd, but in þ name of theyr office  
and vpon the cōdicyn that the same  
persons shal appere at the Daves cō-  
tayned in the sayd wyttes, bylles, or  
warranttes, and in suche places as  
they require. And yf any Bayllyffe  
take any obligaciō in any other four  
me by colour of his offyces, it shalbe  
voyde, and that he shal take no more  
for the makynge of any suche obliga-  
cyon warrantte, or pcepte by them  
to be made, but four pēs. And if they

Do



of liberties.

do contrarie vnto this ordynance  
in any poynt, for so doyng they shall  
rende to the party greued his dama-  
ges treble, and shall forfayt for euery  
tyme that they do the contrarie. xl. l.  
the one halfe where of shall be to hym  
that wyl sue in any of the kinges cour-  
tes therfore. &c. xlii. Henrici sexti. Ca-  
pitulo Decimo.

\* Bayllyffs of liberties ought not to  
seale & gooddes of any pson arrested,  
nor imprisoned for felony, before that  
they shall be conuicted or attainted of  
the same felonye accordynge to the  
lawe / or els that the same gooddes be  
otherwysse forfayted, vpon payne to  
forfayt & double value of the gooddes  
so taken, vnto the parties endama-  
ged, suynge therfore by accyon of det,  
whereto no wager of lawe, effoygne,  
nor proteccyon shall in any wyse be al-  
lowed to the defendunt. primo. Ri-  
chardi secundo. Capitulo. tertio.

Bayl-

## Bayllyffes

Bayllyffes of liberties that be gaylers and haue the keepyng of gayles, shal certifye the names of euery prysoner in his gayle that is there for felonye / at the next generall gayle deliuerie in euery countye or fraunchyse (where suche gayle is) to be kalcedred before the Iustices of the same gayle deliuerie, vpon payne to forsayt for euery defaulte there recozded. C. s.

An. tertio Henri. septimi. Capitu. iiii.

¶ All Bayllyffes & other heed officers, and euery of them fyndyng or knowyng any persō vsyng or exersyng any vnlawful games contrary to the statutes haue power to mōint every such offendour to ward, & there to remayne in pryson without bayle or maynpryse, tyl suche tyme as he be bound by obligacyon in such sūme / as by dyscrecyon of hym that taketh the bounde semeth resonable / to the kinges vble that he shal play no more

¶ Anno



of libertyes.

An. sexto Henrici octavi Cap. secūdo

**A**ll statutes made agaynste Shireffes, vnder Shyreffes, Baillyffes / or other mynysters for makynge or retournynge of panels, or iuries, or for due execucion or setynge of wryttes or other proces, or for takynge of fees or for the refozmacyon of extorcyons or for any other thynge concernynge theyr offyce, and all paynes contained in euery suche estatute, shalbe extended to all Stewardes, Bailiffes and other mynysters, and officers of libertyes & fraunchyses hauing retourne of wryttes, & execucyō therof in lyke maner as they extēde to Shireffes, theyr vnder Shireffes, bailiffes or other mynysters, sauyng that the Baylliffes, and officers of liberties maye occupye theyr offyces for as long tyme as they shalbe graunted vnto them. Anno. rrbii. Henrici octavi. Capitulo. xlii.

The

The offyce.

**T**he offyce of Escheatours.

¶ : : ¶



**Y**e Malen: upre of Escheatours, if they haue duely executed theyr offyce, and yf they haue taken anye moze for Dornge there of then they ought, or yf they haue comytted and done any extorcyō, or oppressiō vnto the kynge's people by colour of theyr offyce. And therfore ye shal vnderstande that no escheatour ought to medle, or iquyre for y<sup>e</sup> kyng but in case where the kyng of ryght oughte to be entyteled, and haue the lande or thyng that is founde for hym by the enquest, for yf one holde of the kyng as of his Duchie of Lancastre by knyghtes seruyce, & dre his heyre beynge within age, the kyng ought to haue the warde of the heyre, & the lande. And yet in that case yf the Escheatour



## of Escheatours.

eschetour fide it by office: he shal haue  
nothyng for the fyndyng therof by  
cause the tenant held not of the kinge  
in chefe as of his Crowne. And ther-  
for the kyng may entre and lease the  
lande and the heyre without offyce, &  
may graunt it. In lyke maner yf the  
Escheatour fynde by offyce that one  
dyed leased and helde of other lordes  
and not of the kyng by knyghts ser-  
uyce, and that he is deade & his eyre  
within age, the Escheatour shal de-  
maund nothyng of right for fynding  
of soche an offyce. And so yf he fynde  
an offyce that one dyed leased of such  
amanour in fee, and held of the king  
as of suche an honour o: Castell by  
knyghts seruyce, and his heyre withi  
age: yet ought not the Eschetour to  
haue any fe o: duetic for the fynding  
of that office, and if he take any thig  
therfore, it is extorcion whiche is wel  
prouyd by a wyrt of (diem clausit ex-  
tre

### The offyce.

extremum) the wordes wherof be these  
Quia Georgi⁹ ffer, q̄ de nobis tenuit  
i capite die quo obiit, die clausit extre-  
mū, vt accepimus, ideo tibi precept-  
m⁹. &c. Wherby it apperethe that yf  
one holde not of the kyng in cheyfe,  
the Eſchetour ought not to haue the  
fee of forty ſhillinges for fynyng  
of the offyce And yf he take it in that  
behalfe it is extorcyon.

¶ And in aſſiſe yf the defendaut ſay  
that the landes are leaſed in to y<sup>e</sup> kin-  
ges handes by y<sup>e</sup> Eſchetour, and the  
Eſcheatour beynge there preſente &  
examined by the Juſtices there vpo  
do confeſſe that he hath leaſed the la-  
des in to the kynges handes where-  
in dede he hath not ſo done: in this  
caſe the Eſchetour doth wrog to the  
playntyf, which may haue an accion  
vpon his caſe againſt the Eſchetour  
for his falſed, and for the delaye that  
he hath ſuſteyned throughe that co-  
feſſion



## of Escheatours.

scython by supynge to the kynge for a  
(Proceedendo)

None shalbe subeschetour/onles  
he haue sufficient lādes in those pla  
ces where he is offycer to answere to  
the kyng and his people/in case that  
any wyl complayne agaynst them.

Anno quarto. Edwardi tertii. Capit.  
nono et Anno. v. eiusdem. Capit. iiii.

The Escheatours shalbe chosen  
euery yere/as the Chyreffes shal be &  
by the same persons y chose the Shi  
reffes. And that no Eschetoure shal  
abpde in his offyce aboue one yere.

An. xiiii. Edwardi tertii Capit. v. bii.

The Eschetours shal not do wast  
in Byshoppicks, and other places  
duryng the vacacyon of them, ney  
ther shal sel vnder wodes, nor chase  
in parkes or warrēs, nor fysh in pō  
des, or fre fyshynges, nor maye take  
no finys of any tenemētes fre nor bōde  
but shal cause the to be kept & saued  
with

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without doyng damage oz any manner of opprellyon: A. cc. lvi. Edwardi tertii. Capitulo. quarto.

**I** So by this estatute it apperethe that it appertayneth to the offyce of an Elcheatour to lease the temporaltyes of Archebyschoppes / Byschoppes, and Abbeyes of the kynges foundation, durynge the vacacion of the same, and to take the profites and to accompte for them to the kyng in the Elchequer. Howe be it there is another estatute made in the same yere, the effect wherof is that if the, Dean and Chap. Byschop, oz Suppior wyl take temporalties to ferme, payen the value accorpyng to the remembraunces in the Elchequer: that they shall haue the before any other. And by an other estatute made the same yere Capi quinto the Chauncellour Tresorer of the Elchequer takynge to theym such other of the counsell, as they



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they shall thinke good, shall lease the  
Vacacyon of Archyshopps, Bys-  
shopps, Abbeyes, Priories, and o-  
ther houses of religion (thaduoidāce  
wherof belong to the kige the Dean  
and Chapitre/Priour, or Supprior,  
Priores or Suppriorres and Couent  
at a certayne rent to paye by the yere  
quarter, or moneth, durynge the va-  
cacyōs as they shal thynke best, with  
out makynge fyne. And neyther the  
Eschetour, nor any other officer shal  
seke cause or matter, to entre, or to  
meddle, or do any thyng in pretudye  
of the church. Saunge to the kyng  
and his heires knyghtes fees aduou-  
sons, Escheates, wardes Mariages  
Reliefes, and seruyces to the sayde  
fees belongynge. In wytnes wherof  
the kyng caused his letters patentes  
to be made therof dated at Westm.  
the eight day of April the yere aboue  
mencioned, wherby it appereth that  
the

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thau the:ite afoz said to make leases  
was giuen to the Chaunceller and  
Treasorer by the kynges letters pa-  
tentis. &c. Anno. xiiii. Ed. iii. Ca. vi.  
¶ The schetours and other the kyn-  
ges mynysters must accōp in thesche-  
ker after this maner, that is of lands  
and tenementes wherof profyte arys-  
eth from tyme to tyme throughe out  
the yere as of Wylnes, Herbages,  
tolle, ples, profytes of courtes, or  
such other issues & profites, they shal  
be bounden to answer the kyng to  
the rate and value of the tyme accor-  
dyng to the olde course of thescheker  
And touchinge auncient fermes and  
rentes, that are to be payed at certayn  
termes as rent secke, and rent seruyce  
wherof no profyte aryseth vntyll the  
daye of payement, suche rentes and  
fermes shalbe payed vnto them that  
haue liuere therof out of the kynges  
hand at the termes of payment of the  
sayd



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sayd termes & réts next folowig such  
liuere made aswel forþ time passed as  
þ tyme to come. A. cc. viii. C. iiii. ca. iiii

**T**he kyng and his progenitours  
haue ben sealed of forfaytur of war  
res, tyme out of mynde that is aswel  
of lādes and possessyons, as of good  
des and cattels. And by colour ther  
of thescheatours by theyr office haue  
sealed many landes and tenementes  
as forfaytes to þ king, surmising tre  
son in some persones beyng deade at  
the tyme of the sealer, whiche neuer  
were attaynted in theyre lyues, the  
kyng hath ordeyned touchyng such  
forfaitures that fel in the time of his  
graundfather or befoze that so soone  
as an inqueste therof shalbe retour  
ned in to the Chauncery by anye Es  
cheatoure or other that hathe power  
to enquirye therof, the tenannt shall  
not be putte out of possessyon, butte  
shall be warned by a Scire facias  
to

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to appere at a certayne day for to answer vnto the same, yf he wyl and yf no suche forfayture be founde the kynges hande shalbe closeo, so that in al other cases of forfayture of treason by persons deceased not attayned nor iudged in theyr lues, theyr heyres nor lande tenauntes shal not be challenged nor empeched of anye other forfaytures, but of those onely that haue ben iudged in tyme passed afoze the deathe of certayne persons by presentment in Eyze or in the kynges bench as of felons of the kyng & other. And therfore it semeth that yf one moue warre agaynst the kyng in his realme, and is slaine in þe same then the Escheatour maye sease the landes and tenemētes, as forfayture of warre without any other enquiry to be made therof.

¶ Every Escheatour must take his enquestes of offyce of good & lawfull men



## of Escheatours;

men sufficient of inheritance, and of good fame, and of the same countrey where the enquiry shalbe made. And þe enquestes shalbe indyted bytwene theschetours and the Jurours, and yf it be otherwyle done, they shal be boide, and they shalbe taken in good townes openly.

¶ Trauerse may be take to theschetours offyce, wherby any alienacion or dyenge sealed or þe heyre is within age, & the land holden of the kyng in chepse is founde.

¶ Lādes sealed in to the kynges hādes by reason of warde, shalbe kepte without wast. And theschetours shal haue no fee or benyson, sylke nor oþer thyng, but shal aunswere the kyng of the issues & yetely ppytes at ryng of the sayd lādes without wast. And yf he do otherwyle, the to make fyne at the kynges wyl, & to pay treble damagys at the sute of þe heyre, as

f.

wel

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well within age, as of full age. And  
yf he be within age, his frendes shal  
haue the sute for hym answerynge to  
the heyre of that, that shalbe so reco-  
uered of hym. Concernyng other lā-  
des leased into the kynges hādes by  
requestes of office by theschetour this  
forlayd ordynauce and punysshement  
shall hold place agaynst theschetour  
And yf any make clayme to lādes so  
beyng leased, theschetour shall re-  
tourtne an enquest into the Chaunce-  
rye within one Monethe after suche  
sealer, so that a wyte be deliuered to  
hym to certify the cause of the sealer  
and there shal the partye be harde to  
trauerse the offyce, or otherwyle to  
shewe his ryghte. And the Chaun-  
celler vppon his owne discrecon(yf  
he se cause) maye leasse the landes to  
the tenaunte payng to the kyng the  
value, if it belonge to the kyng, so  
he fynde suertye, that he shall do no  
waste



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Waste, vntill it be adiudged. And the  
Escheatours shall take they? Inque-  
res in good townes, and by honeste  
men openly by Indeture to be made  
bwtwene thescheatoure and theym of  
the enquest. And yf he do contrary to  
this ordynance, the to haue it peres  
imprysonmente, and further to make  
fyne at þ kynges pleasure. A. rrrvi.  
Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. xiii.

¶ Noone shalbe Escheatoure / yf he  
haue not. xx. l. lād at the least oꝝ moꝝe  
in fee, and that they execute they? of-  
fyce in pꝛopet person. And yf he be o-  
therwysse, then to be put out, wherby  
it appereth that the Subescheatour  
can not inquire, noꝝ fynde offyce. An  
rli. Edwardi tertii. Capitulo. b.

¶ Escheatours noꝝ Commissioners  
shall not take enqueste, but by those  
that be ipanelled & retourned by the  
shyꝛef, & yf they do otherwysse & be coꝝ-  
rupte by exānacyō oꝝ otherwysse at þ  
lute

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sute of the patty, oz of the kynge, oz  
any other person that wyl sue, they  
shall encurre the payne of .xl. li. the  
mozte to hym at whose sute they shal  
be conuycte. And that no landes sea-  
sed into the kinges handes shalbe let  
to ferme by the Chauncellour, vntyl  
p enquestes and berdytes be retour-  
ned into the Chauncerye, and by one  
monethe after the same retourne, ex-  
cepte it be to the patty greued whi-  
che was put out of those landes by p  
inquestes, and wyl offre to traaverse  
them, and shewe good eydence, and  
fynde sufficient surety to sue his tra-  
averse with effecte, and to paye to the  
kynge the perely value of the landes  
yf it hap to be discuffed for the kynge.  
And yf any letters patentes of any la-  
des oz tenementes to the contrary be  
made to any other person the to hym  
that offerethe to traaverse, oz be let to  
ferme within a Moneth nexte to the  
sayd



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sayde moneth of retourne they shall  
be voyd and holden for noone. Anno  
viii. Henrici. vi. Capitulo. xix.

¶ Escheatours and commissyoners  
shall retourne the enquestes take be-  
foze the into the Chauncery, or in the  
chequer within one moneth nexte af-  
ter the taking of the same, vpon paine  
of. xx. li. the one moyte to the kynge,  
the other to hym that wyll sue. Anno  
viii. Henrici. vi. Capitulo. xix.

¶ And yf any Escheatour take any  
offyce befoze hym and do not retour-  
ne the same i. to the Chauncery or the  
chequer, within the moneth nexte af-  
ter the takynge therof, he shal incurre  
the payne of. cl. l. forfayt by the esta-  
tute made. An. viii. Hen. vi. and fur-  
ther shalbe bounde to pay to the kynge  
almoche as he is endamaged by the  
not returnyng of the same. And that  
the Chaunceller of Englande calling  
to hym the Tresorer of Englad may  
lease

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leafe suche ferres for the due execu-  
cion of the sayde Statute. Neuer-  
theles it appereth that the same esta-  
tute giveth but .xx.li. of forsayte a-  
gaynst theschetur, or Commissioner  
therfore ferche for the true recorde  
of both the statutes. An. xviii. Henri  
vi. Cap. septimo,  
20 Escheatours muste take theyr in-  
quest of office by vertue of the wryt-  
tes of (Oiem clausit extremum) and  
other wryttes within one moneth af-  
ter the recerte of the same / and that  
suche inquestes be takē in good tow-  
nes and open places. And that none  
of them priuely nor opely by him self  
or by other take any thyng for the ex-  
ecution of such wryttes in one countie  
aboue the sūme of. vi. s. viii. d. or xii.  
s. iiii. d. or vnder with the hys labour  
and his costes so that the sūme that  
he hath taken all together exceede not  
aboue. xl. s. for the executiō of any such  
wryt



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wytte in one Countre, And yf he do contrary to the premises, then to forsayte the summe of .xl. li, the mozte to hym that wyl sue for the kyng and hym selfe. An. xxiii, Henrici setti Capitulo Decimo septimo.

**E**none shalbe Escheatour, yf he haue not lādes or tenementes to the value of .xx. li, within the countre for terme of lyfe, nor in the countie wher he is Escheatour. Nor no Escheatur shal let by office to ferm nor make deputye (other then he wyl at his pael answer for) whole name he muite certifie by his letters patētes to the Tresorer and Barons of thescheker for the tyme beyng within .xx. dayes after suche deputacon made. And no suche Deputie take upon hym to occupie in the sayde office onles thescheatour haue landes tenementes or rentes to the yerely value of .xx. li. as befoze is sayd. And yf any pso do con  
(trary to

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to the premises or any of them, then  
to forsayte for every default. i. l. i. the  
one mopte to hym that wyl sue, and  
the other to the vse of þe kiges howse  
by accyon of det, where no wager of  
lawe esloyne or protectyon shall lye.  
An. xii. Edwardi. iiii. Capitulo. ix.

**22** No Shyreffe Eschetour, nor other  
pion shal sease or take the goodes of  
any persõ arrested or impysoned for  
felony befoze that the same person so  
arrested or impysoned be conuict, or  
attaynted of þe same felony accordyng  
to the lawe of Englande, or that the  
same goodes shalbe otherwise forfai  
ted vpon paine to forsayte the dou  
ble value of the goodes taken to the  
partye damaged supnge therfoze by  
accyon of det, where no wager of law  
esloyne nor proteccyon shall lye. An.  
i. Richardi tertii. Capitulo. iiii.

**¶** If any Eschetour, or Commissio  
ner put into any of the kinges courtes

any



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any inquisition oꝝ offyce concernyng  
landes oꝝ tenementes, oꝝ other here-  
ditamentes, not founde noꝝ presented  
by þe othes of twelue men, & indented  
and by them sealed, then to forsaþe  
foꝝ euery suche offece retourned, and  
put ito any of the biges courtes one  
C. li. to the partye greued. An. iii. H.  
viii. Capitulo secundo,

**T**he Eschetour noꝝ other Commis-  
sioner shall set by vertue of any Co-  
missyon to enquyre of landes and te-  
nementes, except he haue landes, oꝝ  
tenementes oꝝ heredytamentes to the  
perely value of, xl. Marke ouer all  
charges vpon payne of. xx. li.

**T**he Escheatours and Commis-  
sioners shall be discharged by theyꝝ  
othes that they may not dyspende. xl  
marke ouer all charges, and that v-  
pon proces made agaynste them out  
of the eschequer. The Eschetours and  
Comissioners shall lye in open places  
and

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and shall suffice every person to give evidence openly in theyre presens to the inqueste taken befoze them vpon payne of .xx.li.

**The Jury** shall receyue the counterpayne of the indenture that shalbe presented, indented and sealed by the Escheatour or Commissioner, and to rest in the possession of the fyrst man that was sworne in the same Jurye, vpon payn of every person that shalbe sworne .xx.s.

**And** every Escheatour, and Commissioner after the Jurye is sworne and redy to give theyr verdict, and of fre to present the same, that the same Escheatours or Comynssioners, or parte of them shall receyue the same verdict without further delaye vpon payne of a.C.li and deliuer the counterpayn of the same indenture to the Jury in fourme befoze sayde vppon the same payne.

And



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**A**nd if the Clerke of the petit bagge, or his Deputyes wyl not receyue such offices, and put it into the fylles to remayne of recoꝝde within thre dayes after it be receyued or offered to be receyued, he to forfayte for every suche default. xl. li. And the Commis- sioner, and Eschetour to be discharged of the penaltie of. xl. li. lympettyd by the Statute for none retournyng of the same offyces, or inquisicyon w<sup>th</sup> in one moneth.

**A**nd lyke lawe and penaltie to be agaynst the offycers in the Kynges Escheker whiche oughte to receyue suche inquisicyon, for refusynge so to receyue the. And the commissioners, & Eschetours to be discharged of þe penaltie for none retournynge of þe same inquisition, so þe sayd eschetours or Commissioners at any tyme after þe moneth of such office befoze the found or befoze any of the w<sup>th</sup> in an other mo-  
(neth

## **The offyce.**

then next ensuing, returned & said  
offyce into the Chauncery, or Elche-  
ker, as the case shal require. And the  
clerke of the petit bagge to certify &  
transcrypt of euery such office taken  
before any Commissioner: or Elche-  
tour, in to the Elcheker the next ter-  
me folowing the rescepte therof, vpon  
payne of s.c.s. for euery such Default.  
And no man be compelled to oc-  
cuppe the offyce of Elchetour by any  
patente ouer one hole yere, and & he  
& is ones Elcheatour shal not be El-  
cheatoure agayne with in thre yerres  
next after the sayde hole yere ended.  
If any Elcheatoure exercyse hys  
office by reason of any patent ouer &  
tyme of an hole yere ended, or he ma-  
de Elcheatoure within thre yerres af-  
ter/then after the sayde hole yere en-  
ded is patente so made to be voyde  
and the partye greued shal haue his  
recouerye of euerye of the sayde for-  
feitures



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captures of one hundred pounde by  
action of det: where no wager of law  
essoyne nor protectyon to be allowed  
ther be diuers prouisions made for  
diuers Eschetours in Cyties, and  
Boroughes, and in diuers countres  
And yf the landes, or tenementes  
of any man be sealed into the kinges  
hand by vertue of any offyce founde  
before the Eschetour, or Commissio-  
ner, or by reason of an other reco:de  
founde in the Chauncery, or thesche-  
ter, and he that so is put oute of hys  
landes by reason of suche reco:de, or  
offyce so founden come and reuerse  
that reco:de or office: and it is found  
for hym, where vpon he hath his iud-  
gemente that the kynges handes be  
closed and sinoued, nowe yf it so be  
that ther be an other reco:de or office  
founde remaynyng amōgest þe kinges  
reco:des whiche is not trauesed nor  
tryed, yet shal not theschetour lease þe  
landes

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landes agayn into the kinges handes  
by reason of that recorde beyng so  
de & not trauesed. And yf he do, then  
bothe he wronge and Extorcion, and  
the pattie þe is put out shal haue assy  
se agaynst hym and shal recouer dou  
ble damages agaynst hym. but in th  
case the king must sue a **Scire factas**  
agaynst hym þe hath the landes out of  
his handes / vpon this other reco:de  
oz office þe was not trauesed before.  
This is giue by the statute **Lincolne**  
called the statute of **Eschetours**. An.  
r. Edwardi secundi.

**¶** And yf **Eschetour** by colour of  
his offyce without warrant oz aucto  
rite of the law that belongeth to his  
offce, disseise any man of his landes  
oz tenementes: the pattie that is dis  
seised shal haue an assyse of **Mouel**  
**disseison** / and shal recouer double da  
mages agaynst theschesetour. **Westm.**  
**1. Capitulo. xvi.**

**Thesche**



## of Escheatours :

**T**he Eschetoure hath no power to amerce anye man that apperethe before hym and mysdemeaneth hym selfe, or yf the Jurrours that be somoned appere before do make default, he shall recoorde suche thynges in his rolle, and shall not amerce the Jurrours but he shall sende the same recoorde to the Justycers in Eyre, or to the Justycers of Assise, when they come into the countre.

**I**t shalbe lesull to the Chyeffe Justyce of peace, & Escheatours to lease to the kynges vse all such goodes and Cattelles that suche persons as come with in this realme shalbe called Egypciens haue, & therof to make account to the kyng in his eschequer, & to retayne & kepe the mozte therof to his owne vse, & accōpt for the resydue / & to paye no fees for the accompte nor for his dyscharge therof.

**T**he offyce of Constables.

for al-

## The offyce.



**F**orasmuch as þe offyce of a Constable was an offyce at þe comō law, of lōg continuāce & was first ordayned for the cōservacyō of the kynges peace to be had & kept in every towne amōg the kyngs subiectes there dwelling sō what shalbe spoken. And howe farforthe theyr power doth extend & what penalties are provided agaynst theym, for not executinge theyr offyces.

**Who were Conservatours of the peace at the comon lawe.**

**I**t is now to be sene for the cōservacion of the peace, what persons by the comon lawe had auctorite therein/before the makynge of the statutes wherby Justycers of the peace are ordyned. And it semeth that by the comon lawe dyvers persons were cōservatours of the peace: for at the comō lawe there was one pson whiche



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is called cheyfe Justyce of England  
to whome the kynge commytted his  
auctoryte in the mynystracyon of Ju-  
styce for thynges touchynge his Co-  
tome, and for the conseruacion of his  
peace among his subiectes throug-  
hout al his realme. And that is prouid  
by the wytt which the kynge sendeth  
to hym, that he shal hold his place in  
the mynystracyon of Justyce to his  
subiectes in the fourme aboue sayde  
througout al his realme/wherby it  
doth appere þ the same cheyf Justice  
is hyghe conseruatoure of the peace  
througout al the counties of Englād  
& i euery part of the realme where he  
goeth. Also there be other persōs cō-  
seruatours of the peace througout  
the realme as the Steward of Eng-  
lande: the Marshall, and the Cōsta-  
ble of Englande. Also the constables  
of euery towne were & be keepers of  
the peace by the comō law, lykwyse

¶

the

## The offyce.

the hyghe Constables of hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, or tithings were and be cōseruatours of the peace by the comon law within the townes or hundredes and within theyr limittes And befoze the makynge of the statutes wherby Justicers of the peace are ordayned, the kyng by his cōmyssion made Conseruatours of the peace in those cōntyes and places (where him thought beste) to kepe his pēace, and the auctoꝝyte whiche conseruatours of the peace had by the comō lawe, is the same auctoꝝyte that a Constable of a towne or wapētake hath at this day, the which I shall partly touche ¶ If one make assault vpon the constable, the Constable may defend hym and may take hym and commit hym to the gayle vntyl he haue found suerty to kepe the peace, though that the assaulte were made vpon hym selfe. As it appereth Micha, quinto. Henric



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etici septimi, in the tytle Barre. Hoch  
more then yf a Constable se one ma-  
kyng assault vpon a straunge per-  
son, he may take hym: and commytte  
hym to pryson/or to the gayle, vntyl  
he haue founde suertye to kepe the  
peace.

¶ And yf one man threate an other  
where vpon he that is threatened co-  
meth to the Constable, and shewethe  
his matter, and praireth him to cōpel  
hym that so threatened hym to fynde  
suertye / in this case the Constables  
and þ party that is threatened maye  
goo, and compelle hym that soo dyd  
make suche threating to fynde suer-  
tye to kepe the peace, and yf he wyll  
not/they may cōmytte hym to warde  
vntyll he haue founde suche suertye  
as you may see. M. xl. iiii. Edwardi  
tercii. in the tytle of Barre.

¶ And yf one be stryken in patell of  
death, it is the offyce of þ Constable of  
the

### **The offyce.**

the towne to arreste the offendour, & to kepe in pryson, vntyll it be knowe whpyther the partye so stricken wyl lyue or dye vntyll that he haue founde suerty to appere befoze the Justicers of Gaile deliuered, or at such tyme as he shall be called vpon to appere befoze the Justycers at theyr discrecyō. And yf one flye for felony it is the offyce of the Constable of the towne to seale his goodes and to kepe the, and yf they hadde to be impayzed in his keepyng, he shal answer for them to þ kyng. ii. Edwardi. iii in the Cpye of Northampton, But by the statute made. i. Richardi. tertii Capi. iii. that is changed. And yf felons or murderers be in the towne, and the Constable haue knowledge therof, it is his offyce and detye to assemble people for to take them.

And yf one take a felon in þ towne and bryng him to the Constable to be

con-



## of Constables.

conueyed to the galle, the constables offyce is to carpe him thither, and to cause oher of the towne to ayde and assyste hym in so doyng.

2<sup>d</sup> And note that Constables were ordayned for two intentes / that is to wpt to kepe the peace / and also to re- presse felons, to take surety by obligacion of such persons as they shall fynde makynge affrayes.

2<sup>d</sup> It apperteyneth to the offyce of the cheyfe Constable of Englande to haue conulaunce of dedes of armes & contractes touchyng dedes of armes and of war out of the realme, and in lyke maner of thynge touchig armes wthin þ realme, which cannot be deter- mined by the comon law, as it appe- reth clerely by the estatute made the. xiii. yere of Richarde seconde. Ca. ii. ¶ Also it appereth by þ statute made A. i. H. viii. Ca. xiii. þ al appeals to be made of thig; done out of the realme  
of

### The offyce.

of Englande shalbe tryed, and deter-  
mined before the Constable, & Mar-  
shal of Englande for the tyme being  
¶ Also when batulle is ioyned in a  
wyrt of right or in Appeale, that shal  
be decayned before the Cōstable and  
Marshal, how be it ꝑ Justices must  
se the bataille done, bycause that they  
be properlpe Judges therof and not  
the constable nor the Marshall.

¶ And the constables, haue manye  
other ouctoꝝptes aswell by the comō  
lawe, as by estatutes made ꝑ whiche  
you maye see there.

¶ In. vii. E. iiii. it is sayd that Gar-  
dernes of the prace at the comō lawe  
may inquyre of congregacyons and  
vnlawefull assemblies and of dissea-  
son with force but not of entres with  
force. But now by the statute ꝑf one  
entre with force, or do disseason with  
force, or entre peasablpe, and kepe  
possession with force, the Justices of

peace



## of Constables.

peace maye make restytucion to the  
partye, and put hym in possession by  
theyr wyte directed to the Shyreffe

**T** Constables in the townes where  
they beare office may arreste me that  
goe oꝝ tye armed in fayres, oꝝ mar-  
kettes by daye oꝝ by nyght, and take  
theyr armour as forsaie to the kyng  
and imprison them at the kiges plea-  
sure. Anno. ii. E. iii. at Northampton.

**T**he kynges purueyours oughte  
to make theyr purueiāce for the kyn-  
ges house, by the constable and four  
honest men of the townes wher such  
purueyances shall be made, without  
threatenynge. And in pꝛesence of the  
Constables, tayles shall be made and  
sealed with the seales of the takers,  
betwene the sayde takers, and the  
partyes of whome the goodes be ta-  
ken. And yf any taker make his pꝛyse  
otherwyse, it shall be done with hym  
as w<sup>th</sup> a thefe. An. xii. E. iii. Capit. i.

Con=

## The offyce

**C**ōstables of townes must arrest  
such as passe by nyght, of whom sus-  
peccpō is had, and deliuer them to þe  
Shyreff, there to remayne in warde  
vntyll they be duely delpueryd. Also  
they muste arreste suche as be called  
Robberdes men. Masters, & Drawe  
latches (yf suspeccon be had of any  
such) be it by nyght o: d ipe: and de-  
liuer them to the shyreff vntyll the  
commynge of the Justycers of gayle  
delpuere. An. b. Co. iii. Capitu. xliii.

It is ordayned that none shall take  
fo: thresynge a quarter of wheat o:  
corne aboue two pens. ob. and fo: a  
quarter of barley, beanes, pees, & otes  
i. d. ob. of so moche haue bene vled to  
be gyuen, and in the countrey where  
they vse to reape by þe sheffe, & threshe  
by the bushel, they shall take no moze  
no: otherwyse. And that suche labo-  
rers and other seruantes shall make  
an othe two tymes in the yere, befoze  
Lords



## of Constables.

Lordes, Stewardes, Bailiffes, and  
Constables of euery towne, to do and  
kepe this ordynance, and that none  
of thẽe shal go out of the towne where  
they dwelled in winter for to serue in  
somer (yf he can haue seruyce in the  
same towne, sauinge to the folke of þ  
countyes of Stafforde, Darby, Lan-  
caster, Crauen, and the Marches of  
Wales they: free lybertye to labour  
in other countreis in the tyme of Au-  
guste. And they that refuse to make  
suche othe, or to perfourme that thig  
that they haue sworne & taken vpon  
them shalbe put in the stocks by the  
sayd Stewardes Bailiffes: Consta-  
bles of townes / by the space of thre  
dayes or moze, and shalbe sente after  
to the nexte gaile, & there to remayne  
vntyll they wyl be ordered, and that  
there be stocks in euery towne for þ  
same intent. And þ Steward/ Bayl-  
iffes / and Constables, shal make  
othe

### **The offyce.**

othe before Justycers assigned to en-  
quyre diligently of al the that offend  
agaynst this ordynaunce. and to cer-  
tyfye theyr names before þe same Ju-  
stycers when they shal come into the  
countrey, to kepe theyr lessyons, vpon  
whiche certificat made þe same Justy-  
cers shal cause the to be attached by  
theyr bodys to apere before the said  
Justycers, to aunswere vnto suche  
contemptes, so that yf they be attain-  
ted: they shal make fyne & raunsome  
and further to be comaunded to pri-  
son vntyl they haue founde suerty to  
serue in maner aboue sayde. And the  
Justycers at every tyme þe they shal  
come into the countrey, shal enqui-  
re of Stewardes, Baplyffs, and  
Constables whether they haue made  
good and lawfull Certificat or haue  
councealed ought for any gyfte, pro-  
curement, or affynyte, and shal punish  
them by fyne and raunsome, yf they  
be



## of Constables.

be founde gyltpe. Anno. rrb. Edward.  
tertiū Capitulo secundo and octauo.

22 Constables of townes where as  
faytours, or bagaboundes resorte  
haue power to examyne theym dysp=  
gently and cōpel them to fynde suer=  
tye of theyr good behauour by suffy=  
cient maynpernours distreinable in  
case that any defaulte be founden in  
suche fatures and bagaboundes.

And yf they can fynde no such suerty  
then to be sente vnto the nexte gayle  
there to remayne vnto the comynge  
of the Justycers of galle deliuerpe,  
whiche haue auctorite to do with such  
faytours and bagaboundes as they  
shal thinke best to be done by þe lawe

An. primo Richardi secundi Capi. v.

Constables of townes maye ar=  
reste any seruauit laborer comynge  
to the towne from anye place vaga=  
raunt, oneles he haue a letter contes=  
tyng the cause of his going, and the  
tyme

### **The offyce.**

tyme of his retourne, vnder the kyn-  
ges seale that thereto shalbe assigned  
and deliuered to the custodie of some  
honest man of the Hundred wapen-  
take, Citie or Boroughe accordynge  
to þe discrecyon of þe Justices of peace.  
And the Constable maye put hym in  
the stocks, and kepe hym vntyll he  
haue fonde suretye to retorne to his  
seruice, or to serue in the towne from  
whense he came, vntyll he haue a let-  
ter to departe vpon cause reasonable  
Anno. cii. Richardi. ii. Capitulo. iii.

**C**onstables haue power to arrest  
seruauntes and laboers that beare  
aboute theym hangarde, dagger, or  
knyfe, and to sease the sayd weapons  
as forfayte, and them to kepe vntyll  
the Sessions of the iusticers of peas  
before whome they shal present such  
weapons with the names of the that  
bare them: excepte that they traueyle  
in the countrey in theyr maysters mes-  
sage



## of Constables.

sage. Anno. xiii. Richardi secundi  
Capitulo sexto.

Shyreffes and other the kynges  
ministers may take the power of the  
countre to represse assemblies. And  
ryottes in outragious nombze, and  
to commyt them to pryson. An. xiii.  
Richardi secundi Cap. octauo, It se-  
meth by these wordes (the kynges my-  
nisters) that be Constables of townes  
haue power to do so by th' acte aswel  
as the Shyreffes.

Constables may arreste seruaun-  
tes labozers, and imprison them by  
space of fyve dayes, which be not bo-  
wes and arrowes vpon Sondages,  
and such other festiual dates: which  
wyl not leue vtterly all playenge at  
the ball, aswel with hand as w' toote  
and other games called coytes, dyce  
castynge of the stone, keyles, and all  
other lyke importune games. An. xi.  
Henrici quarti Capitulo. quarto.

Con-

### The offyce.

**C**ōstables and all þ kynges liege people that are able to traueple wīn the countye muste be assystynge and apdyngge to the Justycers of pzace, and the Shyreffes to represse greate ryottes, and vnlawfull assemblies, vpon payne of impzysonnement and to make fyne and raunsome. Anno scđ Do Henrici quinti Capi. vii.

**C**onstables shalbe made in euery partie of the marches of Wales and market townes to enquire, serch and arreste suche persons that carye bytyle oꝝ armout to any parte of Wales, without the kynges lycense, whiche Constables shal haue the sytte parte of the forfayt for theyꝝ trauepl An. quarto. H. quartii. Capi. xxvi.

**C**ūstables of porte townes (where souldyours that haue bene retayned in wages to serue in warre beyonde the see, oꝝ vpon the see / and departe from theyꝝ Capytaynes, and tourne  
backe



## of Constables.

backe and arryue i any port of Eng-  
lande without lycense of theyr Capt-  
tayne vnder his seale (maye arreste  
suche souldpours, and kepe them vn-  
tyl enquiry be made of them, and if  
it maye be prouyd by enquiry before  
Justycers of the peace, and proues  
that they haue mustred of recoorde, &  
departed fro theyr Captayne (as be-  
fore is sayde, withoute lycense/then  
they to be punyshed as felons. Anno  
rbiii. Henrici. sexti Capitulo. xix.

20 The constables Tythynghmen &  
theyre pledges of euery towne muste  
assyste and ayde the owners and sel-  
lers of any goodes where the kinges  
purueours wyl make theyr purueace  
or bargayne of any goodes to the va-  
lue of forty shylliges or vnder of any  
person, and wyl not paye prest pay-  
ment in hand, in which case it shalbe  
lawful for euery one of þe kinges lieges to  
retain the, & to resist such purueours  
and

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and not to suffre them to make anye  
suche puruepaunce. And yf the Cōsta-  
ble, tpythynngman, oꝝ cheyfe pledge be  
requyred to ayde oꝝ assyste anye man  
in makynge such resystence, and he re-  
fuse it, he shall pay to the partye gre-  
ued the value of the thyng so taken  
by actyon of Det, wiche the damages  
to the double. Anno. rr. Henrici sexti  
Capitulo. xiiii.

☞ Constables may arreste puruey-  
ours oꝝ byets of any lord oꝝ other p-  
son (except purueyours foꝝ the kyng  
and Quene) which take any bytaye  
oꝝ carpag agaynst the wyl of the ow-  
ners, and to cōmyt them to the nexte  
pꝛysō of the kynges, there to remain  
without baylle, oꝝ maynpꝛyse, vntyll  
they haue delyuered all the sayd by-  
tayles oꝝ carpages, & other thynges  
so taken. And yf the Constables do  
otherwyle whē they be requyred, they  
shall foꝛfayte twentye pounde. The  
moyte



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moyste to be to the party from whom the goodes were taken, to be recovered by accpō of dette, whetein the Defendaunte shall not wage his lawe.

Anno. xxiij. Henrici. vi. capitulo. xiii.

**C**lothiers shall pay to carders spinners, and other labourers lawefull money for theyr wages, and carders fuller, and other labourers shall do theyr duetye vpo payne of double damages. And the Constables of the hundred or Costables may here and determyne the complaints of euery such clothier, and labourer aswel for none payment of the sayde wages of labourers, as for the sayd forfayturs and damages by due examinacyō of the parties in that behalfe, & further for none payment of the sayd duties forfayturs and damages to cōmytte the trespassours to the next gaile in the same countye, vntyl the sayd duties, forfayturs, & damages be duely  
D.                      paid

**The offyce.**

paped vnto the layde labourers, or  
clothyers. Anno. quarto Edwardi.  
quarti, Capitulo primo.

¶ **E**uery hyghe Constable or petre  
Constable shal take or cause to be ta-  
ken all vagaboundes ydle people, &  
suspecte persons liuyng suspectously  
and set them in the stocks, and there  
to remayne be one daye & one nyght  
and to haue none other sustynauce  
but bzeade and water, and then to a-  
uoyde the towne where they were ta-  
ke, into suche place or hūdzeth where  
they were borne, or where they laste  
dwelled by the space of thze yerres.

And yf ellsions they be taken in such  
defaulte thē they to be sette likewyse  
in the stocks by thze dayes and thze  
nyghtes with lyke dyet. An. xij. Hen-  
rici septimi. Capitulo. xii.

¶ **C**onstables & other heed offycers  
& euery of thē fyndyng or knowing  
any person vlyng or exercysyng any  
vnlawe-



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vnlawful games as tennes play, bowls, Clashe, and all other vnlawfull games prohibited by many statutes shall haue ful power to commytte e- uery suche offendour to warde, there to remayne without balle oꝝ maip, is tyll such tyme he oꝝ they so offendige be boude by oblygacyon to the kyn- ges vse in such sūme as by discrecyō of the same offyter shalbe thought re- sonable, that they from thence foꝝthe shall not vse any vnlawfull games.

Anno. sexto. Henrici octauī. Capit. ii.

20 Foꝝ wages foꝝ bote men, and foꝝ theyꝝ barges oꝝ botes, oꝝ foꝝ a barge from London to Graues ende. iii. s. oꝝ elles euery person & his male. ii. d. Fro londō to Erith/ Grenwiche, gra- stoꝝke oꝝ Durslete. xii. d. oꝝ elles foꝝ euery person and his fardel. i. d. so it passe not. xii. d. Fro London to wul- wich. xiii. d. foꝝ a bote oꝝ uherp that is p̄ tyde bote, oꝝ els euery person. ob.

From

water  
men  
wages by  
the p̄sent  
in sexto  
Henrici  
octauī  
Cap. vii

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from London to gentyche. iiii. d.  
oꝛ elles. ob. foꝛ every person and his  
fardel. fro london byrdege, oꝛ Saite  
Mary oueres, oꝛ Poules wharfe to  
Westminster. iiii. d. oꝛ els every persō  
a. ob. fro the blacke friers, Bridwell  
and the Temple to Westminster/ oꝛ  
Lambeth. ii. d. with theyꝛ males, oꝛ  
els every persou. ob. so that it amouēt  
to. ii. d. fro Westminster to Lambethe  
oꝛ Stainingate one ob. foꝛ a bote from  
London to Hozlake. xii. d. oꝛ elles e  
very person. ii. d. with his male. And  
fro those places aboue named to Lon-  
don foꝛ a bote: oꝛ barge like summes  
to be payed. And these artycles to be  
kepte vppon payne to foꝛfayte treble  
the fare. And Baillyffes, Constables  
and other the kynges offycers nexte  
ad ioyninge to the ferries, vpon com-  
pleynt to them made oꝛ to any of the  
by the that be greued in that behalfe  
may arrest them and committe them  
to warde



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to warde for theyr myfloemeanour, &  
to make fyne for the same: Anno. vi.  
Henrici. viii. Capi. vii

By the estatute made. An. xxi. H.  
viii. how impotent persones shalbe  
ordred to begge and haue theyr ly-  
uinge. It is ordeyned that if any im-  
potent person auctoꝝised to begge do  
begge in any other place: the within  
the lemyttes to him assigned then the  
Constables and all other the kinges  
offycers, shal by theyr dyscrecion pu-  
nyshe al suche persones by impryson-  
ment in the stocks by the space of. ii.  
dayes and two nyghtes, gpyng the  
but onely breade and water, and af-  
ter that to cause euery suche persō to  
be swoꝝne to retorne agayn without  
delaye to the Hundꝛeth: Rape, Cytie  
Borough, Towne Parische, or Fraū-  
chysle where in they be auctoꝝised to  
begge in.

And yf any impotent person be va-  
garante

### The offyce.

garant and go a begging & haue no  
such letter vnder seale as is specified  
by thys statute then þ Constables & al  
other inhabytauntes withe in suche  
Townes oꝝ parische, shal cause euery  
suche begger to be takē & brought to  
þ nexte Justyce of peace oꝝ highe Cō  
stable of þ hundꝛeth. And therupō þ  
said Justicys of peace oꝝ hygh Constable/  
shal cōmaunde the sayde Cōsta-  
bles & inhabitaūtes of þ towne oꝝ pa  
rische whiche shal bꝛynge befoze him  
any suche begger & they shal stryppe  
him naked from the mydle bpwarde  
& cause hi to be whipped withi þ tow  
ne wher he was takē, oꝝ wher þ same  
Justices of peace oꝝ high Constable  
shall appoynt. And yf not, thē to com  
mannde suche begger to be set in the  
stockes in the same Towne oꝝ parisch  
where he was taken by the space of  
thꝛe daies & thꝛe nightes to haue on-  
ly bꝛead and water, and there vpo þ  
sayd



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saide Justices or hygh Constables shal  
limit a place to þe same begger to beg  
ge in And to geue him a letter vnder  
seale i fourme before limited and to  
swere him to repaire thither immedi  
atly after his punishment executed.  
¶ And all other persons beinge ho  
le and myghtye in bodye that do beg  
ge, the Constable of the hundreth, ta  
pe, or wapentake, wherin suche per  
sons shalbe so take, And the Justices  
of peace, or hyghe Constable (before  
whom they shalbe brought) by theyr  
discrecyons shal cause theyme to be  
broughte to suche places where they  
thinke couenient / & there to be whip  
ped naked throughe the Colone / or  
Market, and thenne to be sworne to  
retourne to the place where he was  
borne, or where he laste dwelled by  
the space of thre yeres and to haue  
a letter vnder the seale to witnessynge  
that he hath bene punished.

Also

### The offyce.

✠ Also al psons þ̄ abiure to any faitu-  
tuarie within this realme shalbe cō-  
ueied there vnto by the Cōstables of  
euery towneshyppe, that is frō town  
to towne till that he come vnto the sa-  
me faituarie wherunto he is abiured  
in lyke maner and fourme as persōs  
that had abiured this realme: shulde  
haue bene conueied to the next pozte  
of the see frō þ̄ place wher they be a-  
biured vnto the same pozte by course  
of the comon law befoze the making  
of his estatute. Anno. rrr. Henrici oc-  
taui Capitulo decimo tercio,

¶ Every fermour oꝝ owner of lādes  
tenementes, oꝝ hereditamētes, wher-  
of the yerely value oꝝ rent amoūteþ  
to. v. pounde / whiche manuereth the  
same, shal paye to euery person whi-  
che by hys delygence and labour at  
his owne costes taketh any olde cro-  
wes: and rokes, oꝝ choughes, vpon þ̄  
same landes, tenementes oꝝ heredy-  
tamentes



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tenementes of þ̄ yerely value aforesaid  
two pēns for every twelue olde cro-  
wes, cokes, or choughes. and .i.d. for  
spr, and one.ob. for thre olde crows  
cokes or choughes. And if anye fer-  
mour / or owneere refuse to paye the  
sayde money accoꝝdyng as is afoꝝe-  
sayd: then vpon compleint and pꝛofe  
made therof to any Iustyce of peace  
or hygh Constable, the same Iustice  
or hyghe Constable shal cause the sa-  
me money to be leuted by distresse of  
the goodes and cattelles of every su-  
che fermour or occupier of the same  
landes and tenementes. Anno. xliii.  
Henrici viii. Capitulo. x.

¶ Where it is ordayned by an esta-  
tute made in the. vii. yere of kyng  
Richarde the seconde. Capitulo. ii. þ̄  
he which espyeth and pꝛoueth defau-  
tes in any clothes put to sale cōtrary  
to þ̄ assple therof ordayned touching  
clothes, & cōtrary to þ̄ sayd estatutes  
shulde

### **The offyce:**

Shal haue the thyrde parte of euery  
such clothe beyng defectue for his  
laboure by the deluery of the Shy-  
reffes, yf they be present or els of the  
lordes of faires & markettes, or of stew-  
ardes, Bayliffes, or Constables of  
townes where such defectiue clothes  
shalbe founde, by Indenture betwene  
them to be made, the whiche shal be  
deluered euery yere into thescheker  
at the feast of S Michell by them y  
shal make such deluere, to thentent  
to charge the Tunagours, and Copl-  
lours, by whom such maner of defal-  
tes ought to be serched and amended  
Anno. septimo. Richar. II. Capit. ix.

**I**f any person shyppe marchaun-  
dise of the Staple in places suspect  
adionnyng to the costes of the water  
and maketh no Indentoures therof  
betwene him & the Mayre or Consta-  
ble of the towne, they shalbe forfayte  
and the kynge shal haue the moyte,  
and



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and the lord of the towne, & he that  
founde and seased suche wares shall  
haue the other moyte. And it is lawe  
full for euery person to serch in these  
causes. An. xiiii. Henrici sexti Capitu  
lo quinto.

**C** It is ordeyned that a horse man  
shall paye for passage at Douer thre  
shyllinges, and a fote man. vi. d.

And the Constables of Douer  
to punyshe them that do  
the contrary at the sute  
of the party that wyl  
complayne  
and shall  
do

hym ryghte in that be=  
halfe. An. iiii. Ed.  
iii. Capitulo.  
octauo

(G: R: S)

22 The offyce of the  
Coroners.

## The offyce.



**R** to declare playnlye the office of a Coroner, it apereth by the statute of Magna carta in the .xv. chapter that no coroner ought to holde any plees of the coroner. But Breton declareth the offyce of a Coroner in fourme folowynge.

**F**yrst that in euery county Coroners shalbe the pryncypal cōseruators of the peace to bere record of al plees of the Crowne of abiuraciōs, vtlagaries, and such lyke. And the coroners shal make an othe befoze the Shyreff in the ful cōūte, that they shal make theyze inquestes, iurcollementes, and all that to the Coroners offyce apperteyneth lawefully, & without asking allowanse. And yf any felony chaūce oꝛ treasour be found, oꝛ any woman rauished, oꝛ pryso broken, oꝛ any mā wounded nyghe vnto death, the coroners/so sone as he shal know ther  
of



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of) Shall sende to the Shyzeffe, and  
Baplyffes of the places (where such  
auēture Malhappē) to cause to cōe be  
foze him by a certayne day at the pla  
ce (where suche chaunce be fell' foure  
of the nexte towneshyppes and other  
if nede be, by whome he shal enqurye  
the verite, and shal compel the tow  
neshyppes to sweare vpon the saynt  
to shew the truth of those artycles &  
he shal demaunde of them. The shal  
the Cozoner and the Jurours shew  
the bodey, and the woundes, and the  
strokes, and immediatly after suche  
vIEWE had, the bodey shalbe buryed.  
And yf the Cozoner fynde the bodey  
butted befoze his comynge, he shal  
recoize the same, neuertheles he shal  
not omitte to dygge vp the body and  
make it be vIEWED openly of the tow  
nes. And those Jurours which haue  
ben somoned, and come not to the in  
queries of Cozoners shalbe amerced  
at the

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at the commynge of þe Justycers at þe  
first assyses i those Counties so þe such  
Defaultes be entred in the Coroners  
toll, so þe coroner shal haue no po-  
wer to amerce no mā for any default  
¶ And when the inquest is sworne þe  
coroner must inquire yf the pson were  
slayne by felony, or by misadventure &  
whither the felony were done withi a  
howse, or without, and al the circūstā-  
ce. And after it shalbe enquyred who  
were present at the dede, and who be  
culpable of the saide, force commaū-  
dement/consent, or receit of suche fe-  
lonyes wittingly. And if the Coroner  
haue any suspencion of the first inquest  
for conselmēt of the trowth, or if it be  
nedefull to enquire better, & by other  
then shal be enquyre dyuers tymes,  
and all suche as therof shal happe  
to be indyted, the Shyreff shal ta-  
ke in all the haste, yf they maye be  
founden / and yf not, the Coroners  
shall



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shal enqurye who they be, and who  
hathe withdrauen theym selues for  
that occasyon, And the Shpyesse shall  
for the with cause, theyre landes to be  
sealed, and afterwarde all theyre  
goodes, and cause theym to be prap-  
sed by laweful inquest, and the good-  
des with the pryces shall be enrolled  
in the Cozoners rolle, and shall be  
deliuered to the towneshyppe for to  
be aunswearable therfore vnto the  
kyng, in case the partye so indyted  
dye, and wyl not stande to ryght.

¶ And after they shal enqurye yf he  
that is indyted dyd euer fynde suer-  
tye to kepe the kynges peace, and the  
names of his Mainpernours, which  
he shall entre into his rolle.

And yf the playntiffe wyl sue Ap-  
pealle wythe in the Yere, and the  
dape, thenne shall he fynde two suf-  
ficiente pledges to the Shpyesse of  
that Countye, dystrenable with in  
the

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the same to sue his appeall accordig  
to the lawe of the lande. And the shal  
the Coroner cause the Appeall to be  
entred wth the names of the pledgys  
and after it shalbe comanded vnto  
the Sheriaunte of the countre where  
such felony is done, whiche as me se-  
meth is the Shyreffe or his baillyffe  
errant) that he haue the bodye at the  
nexte countie. And yf the Sheriaunte  
retourne at the seconde countye that  
he can not fynd them, then shal it be  
awarded that the pyncypall beyng  
appealed of the dede, shalbe solemply  
called to stande ryght touchyng the  
same felony, and so shalbe called fro  
countye to countye, vntyl they come  
or be outlawed. And yf the plaintiffe  
make default at anye countye, then  
shal theyrgent passe vntyl the com-  
ming of the Justicers of the kynges  
bench, or the Justices in Eyre in the  
countre. And yf the pyncypal be out  
lawed



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lawed, the exygentes shall go forthe  
immedyaty agaynst the accessories  
And when they shalbe outlawed/ wh-  
drawē or suspected, the Coroner shal  
enquyre at whose fyndyng such a fu-  
gityue hath bene, and acco:dyng  
vnto the verdyte he shal enrol it, and  
thē inquyre of the lādes and goodes  
of the fugityue. And yf they apere be-  
foze the outlarie, they shalbe repleui-  
able. And if the felony were done out  
of a house, the Coroner shal enquyre  
who founde the bodye fyyste, and he  
shalbe taken and lette go vnder suer-  
tyes. And that no Jurrour be remo-  
ued by callynge of any partye. Ney-  
ther shal any Coroner take any thig  
by hym selfe, or by other, nor suffre to  
be taken by his clerke, for doyng his  
offyce. And yf it be founde that anye  
is deade by mysaduenture, then shal  
it be enquyred what mysaduenture,  
as yf it be founde that he fell from a

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implyne it shalbe enquyred what thyn-  
ges were then mouynge there, and  
howe moche they be worth, and so yf  
he fel oute of a cart, & yf one fal oute  
of a shyp, nothyng shalbe iudged the  
cause of his death but the shyp, & the  
thyges that moue therein, and not the  
marchaundise lyenge therein.

✱ And the coroners ought to receiue  
the cōfessyō of felonpes made by pro-  
uocres in p̄sence of the Shyreffe,  
who shal be is Comptroulloure in  
all his offyce, and suche Confessyon  
he shal cause to bē intolled. And whē  
any person fleeth to a church, so sone  
as the Coroner shal haue knowled-  
ge therof, he shal sende to the Bayl-  
iffe of the place, that he shal cause to  
come before hym by a certayne daye  
the neyghbours, and four of the next  
townshippes adioynnyng to the chur-  
che, and in theyr p̄sēce shal receyue  
the confessyon of the felonpe. And yf  
the



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the fugative pray to absute & realin  
the coroner shal do that the which to  
his offyce belongeth.

¶ Also he shal enquire of rape, and  
all the circumstance, the Appelles  
where of with all other Appelles of  
robberye/felony/ & such lyke he shal  
cause to be entred in his colle.

¶ Also they shal enquire of treasure  
founden, of wreckes of the see and of  
Sturgeons, and of Whales taken,  
& who were the takers, whose names  
they shal entolle, and let them go by  
maynpryse. And suche thynges as  
shal happen to be founden they shal  
safely kepe to þe kynges vse. And the  
Shyreffes, and bayllyffes, shalbe all  
wayes attendaunte vpon them, and  
theyr commaundementes.

¶ It is ordeyned that througoute  
all the Countyes of Englande there  
be chosen sufficient Coroners, of the  
most sage and laweful knyghts that  
maye

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maye beste to the same offyce entend  
whiche lawefully shall attache, and  
presente ples of the Cozone as well  
of appealles as of thinges to þe same  
offyce belongynge. And that no Co-  
roner demaunde oꝛ take any thyng  
foꝛ doynge his offyce, vpon payne of  
a greuous forfaiture to the kyng.

1. Westm. Cap. xii. But nowe by the  
statute made. An. i. H. viii. Cap. i. the  
coroner shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. of the  
goodes of the murderer. And yf the  
murder be commytted in the daye  
tyme, and the murderer escape, the  
Coroner shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. foꝛ þe  
escape vpon the towneshyppe.

2. Also it appereth by the Estatute  
made in the. xiii. yere of Edward the  
fyfste, whiche is called the estatute of  
Exchequer, vnder what oꝛder enquisi-  
cion shall be made of the defaultes of  
Coroners (be they alpye oꝛ deade)  
here ye shall se the charge that shall  
be



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be gyuen to the equestres that shal be charged to enquire of Cozoners, in whiche charge it apperethe further, what the cozoner ought to do by his offyce, whiche charge here ensueth.

**¶** The furme of the charge to enquire of the defaultes of Cozoners accoꝝdynge to the estatute of Exchequer.



**I**st they shal enquire if the cozoner go in proper persō to do his offyce, or not, wherby it apperethe that he cā not make a Deputy.

ii. Also yf he haue sēt any other to do his offyce what he was, & how often and about what aduenitures.

iii Also if he came at euery tyme of his owne good wpll withoute delaye, or that he or his clerke haue taken any thyng for the moze spedp executynge of theyꝝ offyce.

Also

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**iiii** Also yf he tary oꝛ delay to then-  
tente to haue any rewarde after that  
he hath the knoweledge of the trowthe,  
and after that he is sente vnto, howe  
often, and in what place, and vnder  
what maner.

**v** Also yf the goodes of felons ta-  
ken by hym, be delyuered to the tow-  
nes to kepe by a laweful enqueste as  
they ought to be, and intolled in hys  
recoꝝde oꝛ not,

**vi** Also yf the Coroner take any thig  
of anye person foꝛ to take a false in-  
queste foꝛ to dystrope the ryght of a-  
nye / oꝛ to pryse the goodes foꝛ lesse  
then they be worth.

**vii** Also yf he entre any thyng in his  
rolles, otherwyle then it was gyue by  
the inquest, and what thig he, oꝛ his  
clerke toke therfoꝛe, and howe often,  
and foꝛ what thyng he oꝛ his clerke  
toke suche thyng.

**viii** Also if he oꝛ hys clerke toke of the  
goodes



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goodes þ̄ were praised, & prised the at  
lest: thē they entred thē i theȝ; rolles  
it. Also yf the p̄ices were not asse  
sed by the enqueste.

x Also yf the townshyp were falsely  
charged, and of what charge.

xi Also yf any appeales were falsely  
entrolled oꝝ imbeſeled out of þ̄ rolles  
after that they were entred.

xii Also yf he refuse to take any plaite  
of apeales, foꝝ pouerte, hate, oꝝ other  
lyke cause, and what he toke foꝝ that  
occalpon, and of whome, and howe  
moche,

xiii Also if he oꝝ hys Clerke haue take  
ought of the goodes of þ̄ partye þ̄ is  
deade vpon whose bodye he toke vie  
we, what thyng it was, and how of-  
ten he so dyd.

xiiii Also yf he haue entred al the at-  
tachementes belongynge to hys of-  
fice in due maner, oꝝ if he haue made  
any attachemēt foꝝ to greue any p̄sō  
oꝝ to

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oꝛ to haue of his owne, and entre it  
in to his rolles,

xb Also if he haue not done his office  
at all tymes at his owne costes with  
out takynge ought therfoꝛe.

xbi Also yf he haue consealed ought  
at any coũtye, oꝛ pꝛocured to be mur  
dered to the greuaunce of any persō,  
and if he so dyd then to enquire how  
often, and foꝛ what rewarde, and foꝛ  
whom, and in what case he so dyd.

xbii Also yf al the attachemētes hā  
gynge and lawefully receyued be pur  
sued by hym as he ought to do foꝛ ꝑ  
Kynge, oꝛ foꝛ the partye, oꝛ cause to  
be pursuyd.

xbiii Also yf the goodes of suche as  
haue fledde ꝑ townes wher they dwell  
foꝛ suspecciō of felony, were attached  
by hym, and pꝛaysed by enqueste and  
enrolled accordig therunto, & delyue  
red vnto ꝑ townes (where those goodes  
were founden) to kepe safely vntyll  
the



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the comyng of the Justicers in Eyre  
Also yf he suffice appealles oꝛ o-  
ther playntes to hym made, to be con-  
ueyed awaye, imbeſeled oꝛ rased out  
of the rolles, and if he take ought foꝛ  
ſuche falſhed, of whom/howe moche  
and howe many tymes.

Item if there were any treaſoure  
foude i the tyme of the ſame Coroner  
in what place/ & what maner of trea-  
ſour, and howe moche, and in whole  
handes it reſteth, and by whole deli-  
uerance.

This is the hole charge that Ju-  
ſtycers in Eyre muſte gyue, foꝛ to en-  
quire of Coroners, and of theyꝛ de-  
faultes. Furthermoꝛe Juſtycꝝ i Eyre  
may impanel other inqueſtes of four  
and twenty perſons of the body of y<sup>e</sup>  
countye to enquire of the concealmēt  
of the fyꝛſt inqueſtes whiche dyd en-  
quyre of the defautes of Coroners.

When Coroners haue any know-  
ledge

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ledge from the kynges Battlyffes or other honest mē, of þ countrey for to go vnto suche as be slayne, or sodainly deade, or wounded, or brekers of howeles, or to any place where treasure is sayde to be founde: they must go forthwith, and commaunde foure fyue or syxe, of the next towne shypps that they be afoze thē at such a day & place/and when they shall come, thē þ Coroner must make enquerie there of in foure folowynge.

2<sup>d</sup> Ifste yt the person were slayne in house, or in the fylde, in bedde or at the tauerne. &c. and who be gyltye there eyther of the dede or consent. &c And yf any be in þ court, which were there so þ they cā speake, or haue any discreccō, & they that be founden gylty by iquest shalbe takē, & delyuered to the Shyppes. And such as were present, and be not gyltye shal be attached vntyl the comming of the Justices



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ces/and they? names shalbe wyrtten  
in the Coroners rolle.

**I**f any be sodaynly slayne in filds  
oz the woodes, it is fyrste to be sene  
whether he were slayne there oz not/  
and yf he were not slayne there, then  
as nere as they can, they shal folow  
the steppes of hym that brought the  
bodye thither withe horse, oz Carte,  
yf it be possyble, in case the murderer  
be knownen, and yf he be a straunger,  
then shal they enqyre wher he was  
loged the nyght befoze. And touchig  
suche as shal be founden gyltye the  
Coroner shal go immediatly to they?  
howses, and enqyre what goodes  
and landes they haue, & howe moche  
they be worth by the yere.

**B**ut by the estatute of kynge Ry-  
charde the.iii. it is ordeyned that the  
lādes & goodes of such psons shal not  
be seased vntyll they be attaynted, oz  
otherwysse cōpucte by course of p law  
and

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**And these thynges thus beyng enquyred the bodys shalbe buryed in contynente.**

**Moreover they muste enquyre of such as be drowned or dead sodainly and whether they were drowned or strangled, or slayne, and they must enquire who were the finders that they may be attached. Also they must vye w<sup>th</sup> the lēgthe: bredthe, and depnes of all woundes, and must enquyre with what weapons, & in what place of the bodye. And yf the wounde be mortal the offendour shalbe kept vntyl it be knowen whether the partye maye be hole. And yf the wounde be greate, then he shalbe let go, vnder foure / or sere pledges, & yf it be but lytle, then two pledges shall suffice. Also they muste enquyre of horse, cartes and other thyges wherby any was slayne that they maye be praysed and deliuered vt supra.**

**Also**



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**A**lso they shall enquire of wrecke of the see, and yf any laie hande bpō it, he shall be attached by good pledg; and the wrecke shall be praised and deliuered to the nexte towneshyppes. Furthermoze hue and crye shall be leued bpō all manslaughter, burglarie, o; whē any is slayne o; in parell of death yf it may be. And all that folowe suche hue and crye, yf they be able/and they that do not, shall be attached to appere befoze the Justycers. &c.

**A**lso yf anye person flee vnto the Churche, o; other allowed place for murdre, felonye, o; suche lyke offence the Coroner vpon knowledg therof shall come thither and take his confessyon, and yf he wyl abjure the realme, the Coroner shall resceyue hys abjuracyon, whiche he shall saye in this fourme,

**The**

The offyce:  
The fourme of Ab-  
iuracyon.

**H**ERE you this Syr Coroner  
that J. A. B. am a thefe of one  
hoyle (or other lyke thyng) or a man-  
fear of one man (or moo) and a felon  
of our souerayng lord king Herry the  
eyght. And for as moch as I haue cō-  
mytted many euill dedes & felonyes  
in this his realme, I here abiure his  
lande for euer, & I shall make as moche  
hast as I cā, to the haue of. D. which  
you haue assygned me, & I shall not  
departe out of the hyghe way, & yf I  
do, I wyll that I be taken as a thefe  
and felon of the kyng. And further I  
shall dilygently seke my passag at the  
place a boue lymytted. And I shall  
not abyde there any longer thē one eb  
& one floode, yf I may haue passage.  
And yf I can haue no passage in so  
moch space, I shall go every day into  
the



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the see, vp to my knees, & assaye yf I  
can get ouer. And yf I can not so do  
withyn forty dayes cōtinuige I shall  
yeld my selfe agayn to the church, as  
the kynges these & felone. So helpe  
me god and holp dome.

**C** Reuercheles it semeth that when  
any persō shal abiure, him behoueth  
to shewe the place, the dape, and pere  
and in what countye he dyd the felo-  
nye, or Murther, whiche confessyon  
shalbe as an Indytemente in effecte,  
notwithstandynge if he do it not but  
only as befoze is expressed, it is good  
ynoughe, bycause he is attaynted be-  
foze by his abiuracyon. Howe be it  
this manner of abiuracyon is put out  
by the statute of Hēry the. viii. made  
in the. xii. pere of his reygne, wher-  
by it is ordeynede that suche as wyll  
abiure: shall make theyr abiuracyon  
fro al theyr lybertye vnto some sayn-  
tuari whi this realme there to remai-  
durynge

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burnynge theyr lyues, and shalbe bur-  
ned in the ryght hande with this let-  
ter. **A.** And yf such a persō afterwarde  
be taken out of saintuare, he shalbe  
ordered i lyke maner as one that had  
abiured the realme befoze the sayde  
estatute. And the same person that so  
taketh the church shal make his ab-  
juracyon/and shal take his passage  
from thense at suche a daye and time  
as the Coroner shal appoynte:and  
shalbe marked w<sup>th</sup> the brayne of h<sup>y</sup>  
thōbe on the ryghthand with a bur-  
nyng p<sup>er</sup>son, and shalbe conueyed to  
the sayntuare (wherunto he is abiu-  
red) by the Mayres: bayllyffes, & con-  
stables, in suche facyon as they haue  
bene whiche heretofore had abiured  
the realme. And yf any felone refuse  
to abjure befoze the Coroner, he shal  
be taken out of the sayntuary, & shal  
lese the p<sup>er</sup>pyledge therof. And that  
is by s<sup>aynt</sup> statute of, **3. r. 13. b. 11. Ca. 11.**

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countye. And yf he retourne at the se-  
conde countie (Non est inuentus) the  
shall the appealle be called from cou-  
tye to countye vntill he be outlawed  
and if the playntiffe make default at  
any countye the shall p̄ exygent cesse  
vntill the Eyre of the Justicers i the  
same countye, and the plaintiffe shal  
lease his accyon after apparaunce fo-  
euer, wherby it appereth that after the  
yere & daye a man shall not haue ap-  
peall of felony. And to this poynte a  
gryth Bzeton in his fyrst boke.

☞ The Coroner must recorde his vi-  
ewe, abiuration, appealles, and accu-  
sacions of theues made before hym &  
so must he do of all thynges that belo-  
ge vnto his offyce to be done, and the  
non suites of plaintiffes in appeales  
he muste recorde, withe all thynges  
done in the countye whiche belonge  
vnto his offyce. Also ye shal not that  
appealles shalbe made in the courtte  
of any

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of any lord that hath fraunchise of In  
langthes in presens of the coroner. &c  
20 A presentment was sent into the  
kynges benche by a Coroner compris  
syng howe a certayne person taken  
for felony was coueyed vnto þe chur-  
che by certayne freres. &c, And by-  
cause the Coroner had no power to  
take suche an inditemēt, a wryt was  
directed to þe same Coroner to certify  
whither he had any other presentmēt  
or not. Anno. r. vii: Edwardi Lib. 20  
M. lxxii.

An aduerture of the death of a mā  
was presented before Justices in Eyre  
and bycause the same was not founden  
in the Coroners rolle, the Coroner  
was awarded to prison. The Co-  
roners fee in Eyre, is to haue a peny  
of euery venue, when they shal come  
Note that a presentment made be-  
fore Justycers in Eyre of a thyng/  
which is contrary to þe that is entred  
in the



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in the Coroners rolle, shalbe take as  
hoyde and the Coroners rolle shalbe  
taken for the recorde,

**T**he Coroner shal enquire of the  
death of me slayne, or drowned in the  
armes, or creekes of the see where the  
land may be sene of eether syde. But  
nome by the statute made. An. ciii. 13  
secūdi. Cap. v. and conspyred, An. ii.  
Hen. iiii. Cap. xi. the admyrall hath  
no iurisdiccyon, but onely vppon the  
hygh see, wherby it appereth that the  
Coroner hath iurisdiccyon there to  
enquire of mannes death.

**A** Coroner maye take an appeale  
of felony made by an apprououre in  
any countye of Englāde/and so may  
he do of an abituracyon: in case that  
he confesse the felonye to be done in  
an other countye. And the coroner  
may abtute him aswel vpo that as if  
p felonye had bene done. Wm p same  
coun-

**The offyce.**

countye. But he can not take any ap-  
pealle of robbery, or felonye, oneles  
it be within the same countye where  
the robbery, or felonye was commyt-  
ted and where he is Coroner, for by  
the confession: or a peachment he is at-  
tainted & so he is not in any other cause

**O**ne that becometh a prouour be-  
fore Justices shall not haue a Co-  
roner excepte he wyl confesse the fe-  
lonye before them, and praye a Cor-  
oner. C. ccvi. Edwardi. iii.

**A**nd if one become a prouour and  
appeal other of diuers felonies done  
in other countyes, in this case the co-  
roner can not make proces therupon  
into any forayne countye, but he shall  
entre it in his rolle, and shall sende the  
same presentment before the Justy-  
ces of gyledepyere and the Justy-  
ces of gyledepyere shall awarde  
processe to the Shyffte of the forain  
countye, for to take him that is so ap-  
pealed



## of Cozoners.

pealed.

**T**hus ye muste vnderstande that  
yf any Shyreffes Baptyffes, Esche-  
tours / Constables: or Cozoners take  
ought for doyng theyr offyces, other  
wyle then to them is lympettyd by the  
statut; befoze declared, that the such  
taking is extorcyō, which is punisha-  
ble at the king; pleasure as appereth  
by the statutes befoze wyrtten, and by  
the estatute made. An. i. H. iiii. Ca. xi.  
Wher by it appereth that shyreffes  
and theyr ministers, Bailiffes, theyr  
mynsters, Escheatours, and theyr  
mynsters, Cozoners, and theyr my-  
nsters are bounde to serue al pcept;  
to them directed from the Justycers  
of peace without takynge ought for  
any partte. And yf a pcepte be dy-  
rected to the Shyreff, or anye other  
the kynges offycer, to compell any to  
appere befoze the Justycers to fynde  
suertie of the peace, if þe partte agaiſt  
whom

## **The offyce of Coroners.**

Whome anpe suche pzecepte is direc-  
ted ( be redy to come befoze the sayde  
Justyces to fynde suertie of the peas  
they shall take nothyng of hym. And  
in lyke maner must they serue al pro-  
cesses that come to the, directed oute  
of the kinges benche: the comō place  
the Escheaquer, or the Chauncerye  
with out takynge ought therfoze  
but onely the fees expessed in  
the Estatutes befoze wryt-  
ten. And if they take any  
other fees, it is playn  
Extorcyon.

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**A bryefe declaracion con-  
cernynge the extorcyons  
of Dynarques, Dec-  
sons, Upcars, and  
Curates.**

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